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ARMAGEDON

HYUN SE LEE

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A HERO

HYESONG

MARY

OMJI

KESAROS

GRIPIN

KILLER

TANTAROS

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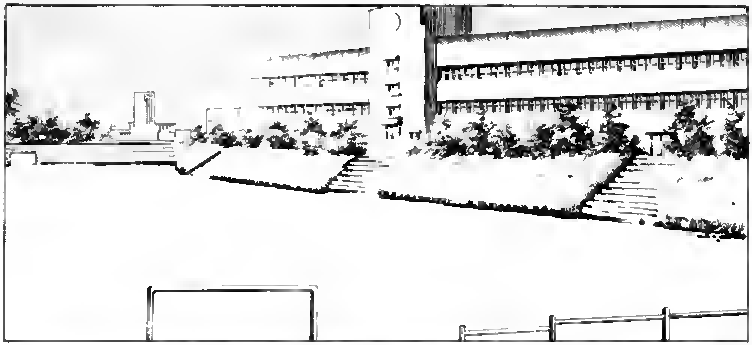

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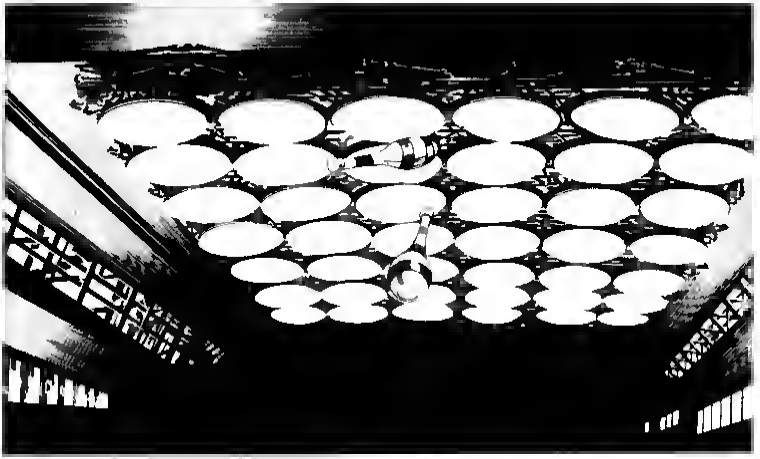
ROOM



BRAVO!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
BRAVO, OMJI!

HERE, TAKE MY TOWEL
NO, TAKE MINE!
HEY! WHAT IS ALL THIS?
THIS ISN'T THE OMJI FAN CLUB!
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS ISN'T A GAME!
IT'S AN OLYMPIC SPORT!
THOSE WHO DON'T INTEND TO TRAIN SERIOUSLY CAN LEAVE RIGHT NOW! GOT IT?

GOT IT, COACH!
SO YOU'RE GOING TO TRAIN FOR REAL NOW?
YES!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE BREAKFAST THIS MORNING?
WELL? AM I GONNA GET AN ANSWER?
...
...
NO!
HM. OKAY! LET'S GET TO WORK!

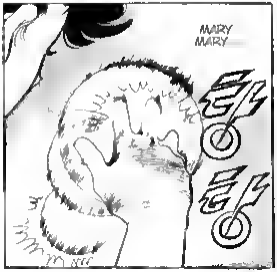
YOU CAN DRY YOURSELF WITH THIS!
AH! BY THE WAY...
I HEARD THERE'S A NEW STUDENT IN YOUR CLASS! EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT HER!
HER NAME IS MARY I THINK
GEEZ, YOU KNOW EVERYTHING!
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S SUCH A STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL GIRL!

HEY, CATCH
HA HA HA!
CLAP
HA HA!
CLAP
HEY YOU ROOKIES! STOP GOOFING AROUND!
THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS BAD FOR OUR CLUB!
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? IF SHE'S JUST AS GOOD AT GYMNASTICS AS SHE IS PRETTY, I'M SURE THE JURY WILL FAVOR HER...
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOUR CLASSMATE MARY, OF COURSE!

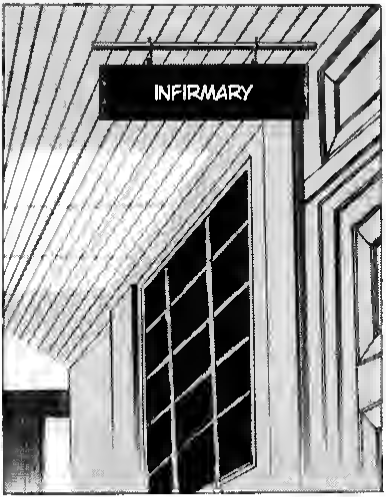
OMJI, WOULD YOU ASK HER IF SHE WANTS TO JOIN OUR CLUB?
UHH
YOU'LL DO IT, RIGHT?
THANKS FOR THE TOWEL!
WELL, SHE'S CLEARLY NOT TOO
FOND OF MARY

THIS SUCKS! ALL DAY EVERYONE'S ALL TALK ABOUT ...

I'M SICK OF IT!


MARY MARY

I WONDER IF HYESONG IS CONSCIOUS YET?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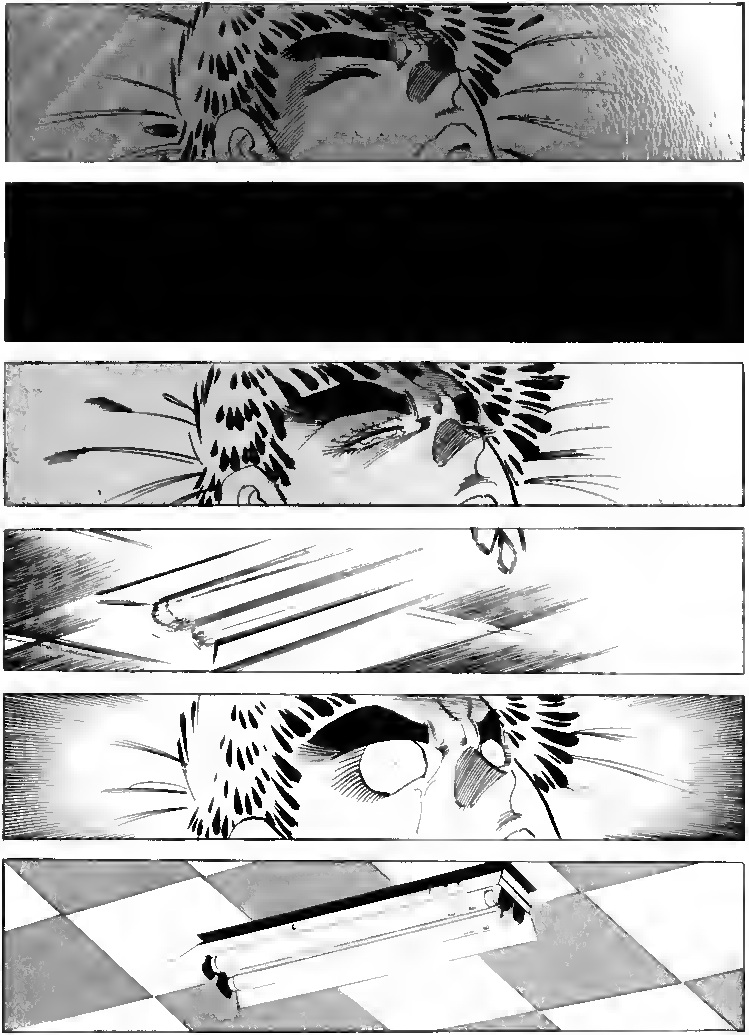


HUH? WHAT AM I DOING IN THE INFIRMARY?
AH! YOU'RE AWAKE, HYESONG?
YOU FELL DOWN DURING GYM CLASS. YOU PROBABLY HAVE A CASE OF ANEMIA
ME? I DON'T THINK SO, MAM!
THEN WHAT CAUSED IT?
I DON'T KNOW...
BUT BEFORE I FELL I HAD THE FEELING I HAD JUST RECEIVED A HUGE BLOW TO MY CHEST!
A BLOW?

THAT'S STRANGE! THERE'S NO SIGN OF IT
I RECKON IT'S PSYCHOSOMATIC, CAUSED BY STRESS!
COULD YOU GET THAT...
BECAUSE OF A DREAM?
A DREAM?
YEA. LATELY I KEEP HAVING THE SAME NIGHTMARE EVERY NIGHT OVER AND OVER AGAIN!
WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

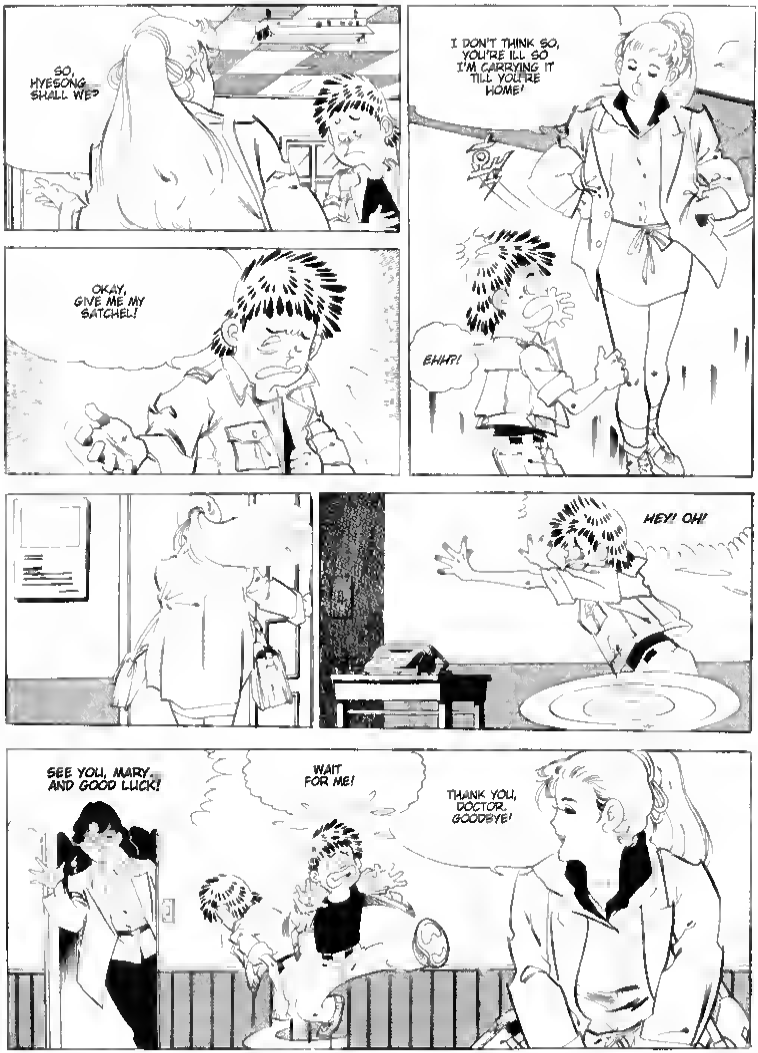
EXA-FLAMMING? SPACESHIP OF THE ID?
HAHA!
YOU THINK IT'S SO FUNNY DOCTOR?
WELL YES SORRY BUT THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF STORY I WAS EXPECTING...
I WAS THINKING MORE OF A NIGHTMARE FILLED WITH GHOSTS AND MONSTERS...
HAHA! YOU WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT YOUR DREAMS DON'T SWEAT IT, IT HAPPENS OFTEN WITH TEENAGERS!
SO YOU WERE LAUGHING BECAUSE FOR YOU IT'S A LITTLE CHILD'S DREAM, SOME KIND OF CARTOON BUT FOR ME IT'S SERIOUS!

IT HAPPENS OFTEN? WHY?
HM... WELL THAT'S KIND OF COMPLICATED...
WELL, LOOK DURING PUBERTY THE MIND LIKES TO STAY ONE STEP BEHIND IN DEVELOPMENT COMPARED TO THE BODY!
DREAMS ARE THEN SOME KIND OF DEFENSE MECHANISM...
THAT IMBALANCE BETWEEN BODY AND MIND CAUSES FEAR!
FOR INSTANCE, IN YOUR DREAM YOU'RE THE HERO OF A MOVIE THAT MADE A BIG IMPRESSION ON YOU. BUT IT'S AN ILLUSION!

OKAY! SO IT'S JUST A DREAM! YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE ARE NORMAL, SO YOU CAN GO BACK HOME!
SLAP
OUCH
BUT THE DREAM SEEMS SO REAL
HYESONG, AREN'T YOU FEELING ALRIGHT YET? SHOULD I GO WITH YOU?
NO, NO, THANKS!
JUST A MOMENT!
TOC
TOC
TOC
COME IN!

MARY!
I'M GLAD YOU RECOVERED, HYESONG!
HI, DOCTOR! I'M IN HYESONG'S CLASS. I'VE COME TO BRING HIM HIS SATCHEL

HYESONG I ENVY YOU
WHAT A NICE GIRLFRIEND YOU HAVE!
W... WE'RE JUST CLASSMATES
OH SO A CLASSMATE CAN'T BECOME A GIRLFRIEND?
HIHIHI, I WOULDN'T MIND BEING HYESONG'S GIRLFRIEND
BUT MAYBE HE DOESN'T WANT ME!
N... NO, THAT'S NOT IT
ARE ALL BOYS HERE AS CONCEITED AS HIM?
HE'S A RARE SPECIMEN!


SO, HYESONG SHALL WE?
I DON'T THINK SO, YOU'RE ILL SO I'M CARRYING IT TILL YOU'RE HOME!
EHH?
OKAY, GIVE ME MY SATCHEL!
HEY! OH!
SEE YOU, MARY. AND GOOD LUCK!
WAIT FOR ME!
THANK YOU, DOCTOR. GOODBYE!

I SAW HYEGONG WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A VERY PRETTY GIRL!
NOTHING SPECIAL THEY'RE IN EACHOTHER'S CLASS!
OH YEA? WELL SHE'S GOT GORGEOUS BLONDE HAIR!
BRVCE LEE
AND THEY LOOKED MORE THAN JUST FRIENDS TO ME
I BET YOU FEEL PRETTY BAD LOSING SOMEONE
HIH!!
I DON'T CARE!

...WHO YOU'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH FOR SO LONG...
WHAT?!
ENGLISH
POOR OMJI I'M REALLY SORRY FOR YOU!
PAF
AND THAT'S MY SISTER! I HATE HER!
I CAN'T STAND HER NO MORE!
COULD THOSE TWO REALLY BE HITTING IT OFF SO WELL?
BR
OH WHAT AM I WORRYING ABOUT ANYWAY?
MIAM
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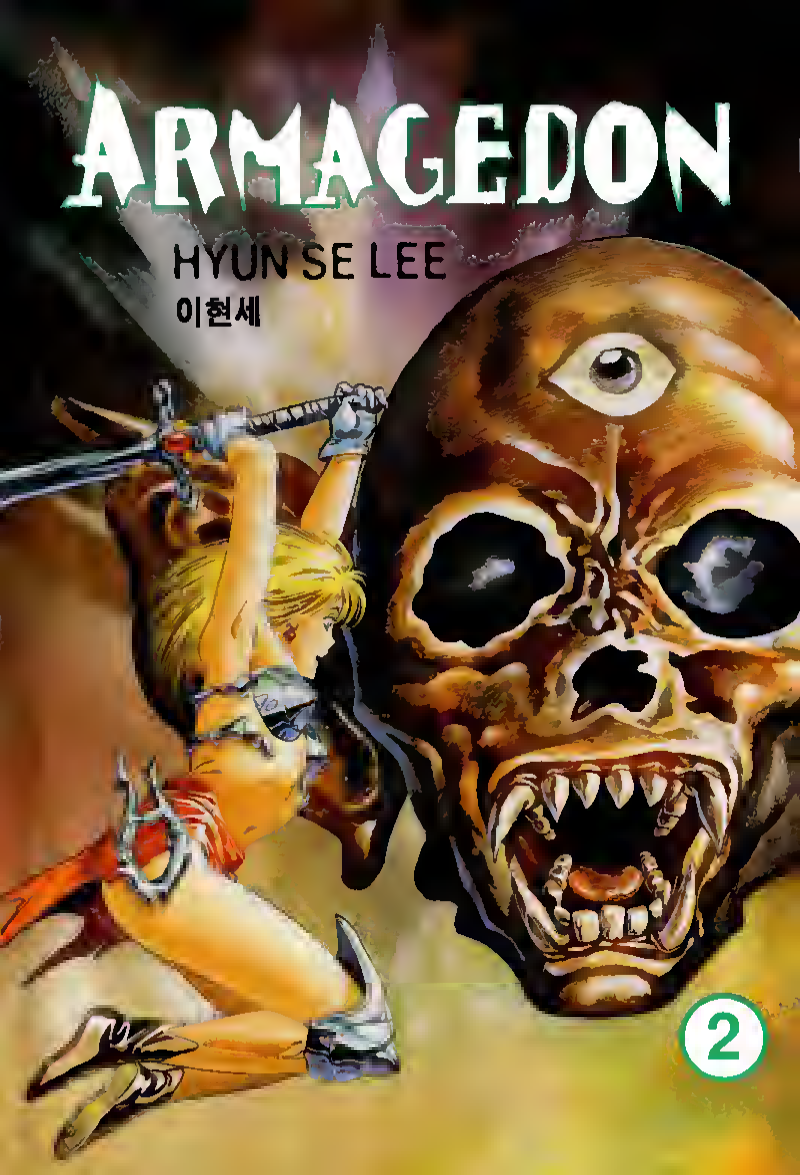

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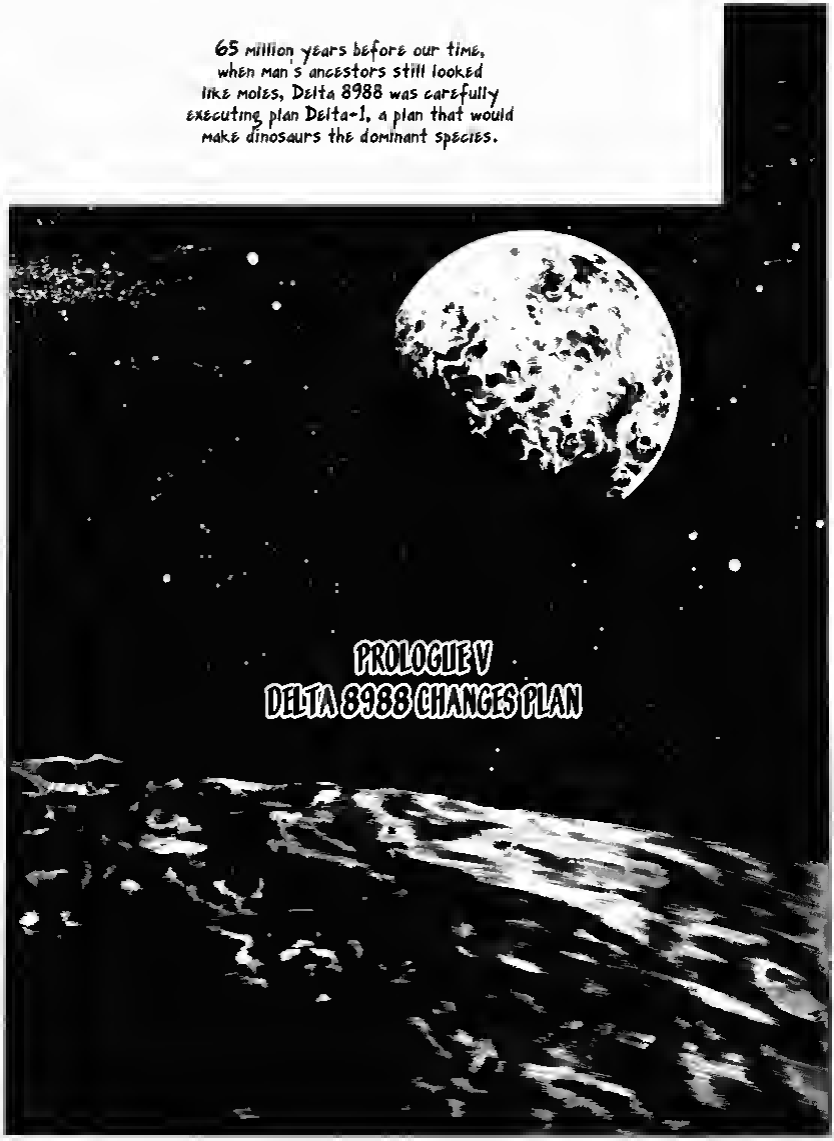
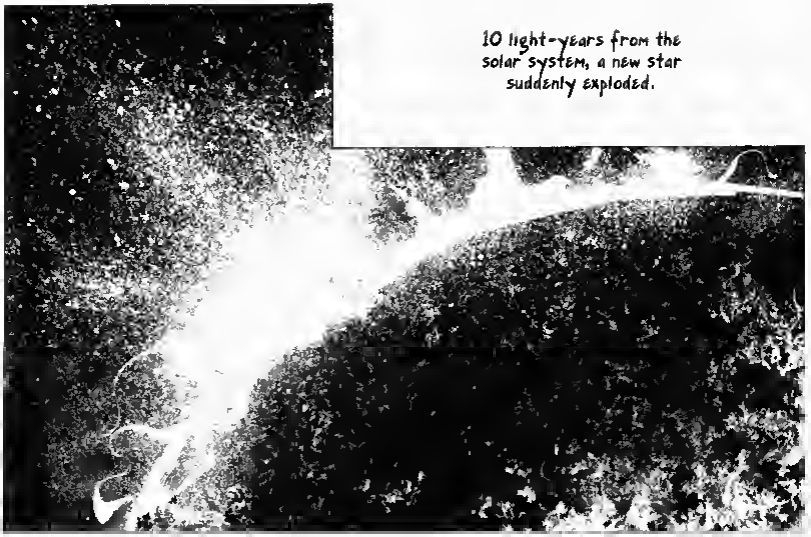
Hyun Se Lee:

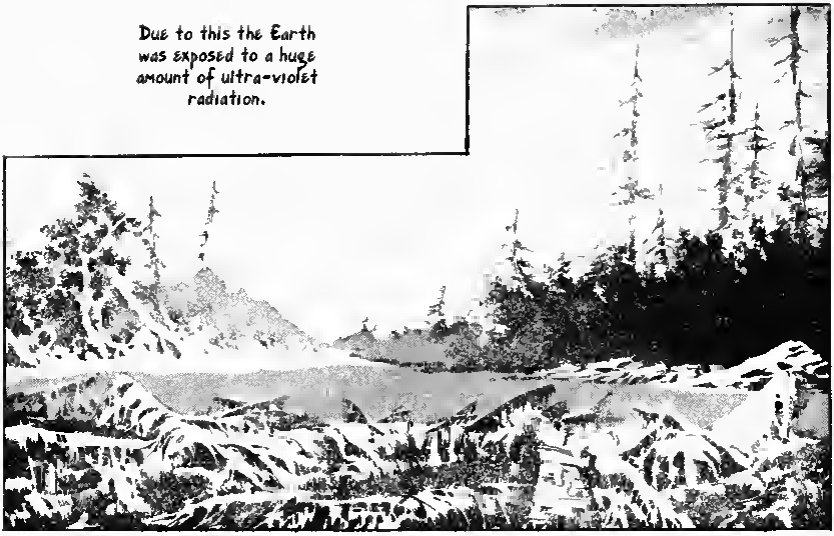
born in 1954 inJyong ju, South Korea. Being a big fan of manga, he already started drawing his own as a child. His mother, a widow, and his grandmother oppose his choice of becoming a manga author.
For a short while he works at a bank. However he con't deny his dreams and in 1982 he publishes 'The teamof fear'. It becomes the biggest success in the history of Koreon manga.
The characters of Hyun Se Lee like Hyesong, Omji and Mary are adolescents, because they symbolize dreams, friendship and love. His most important works are 'The last acrobat', 'The fifth season', 'The ravens of the border', 'Hyesong the child', 'Fly, Hyesong', 'The ring of hell' (worked into a cartoon for TV) and 'The wandering Hyesong'.


65 million years before our time, when man's ancestors still looked like moles, Delta 8988 was carefully executing plan Delta-1, a plan that would make dinosaurs the dominant species.
PROLOGUE V
DELTA 8988 CHANGES PLAN


10 light-years from the solar system, a new star suddenly exploded.

Strong radioactive forces spread throughout space. A small amount made its way into the Earth's atmosphere and boiled away the ozone layer.

Due to this the Earth was exposed to a huge amount of ultra-violet radiation.

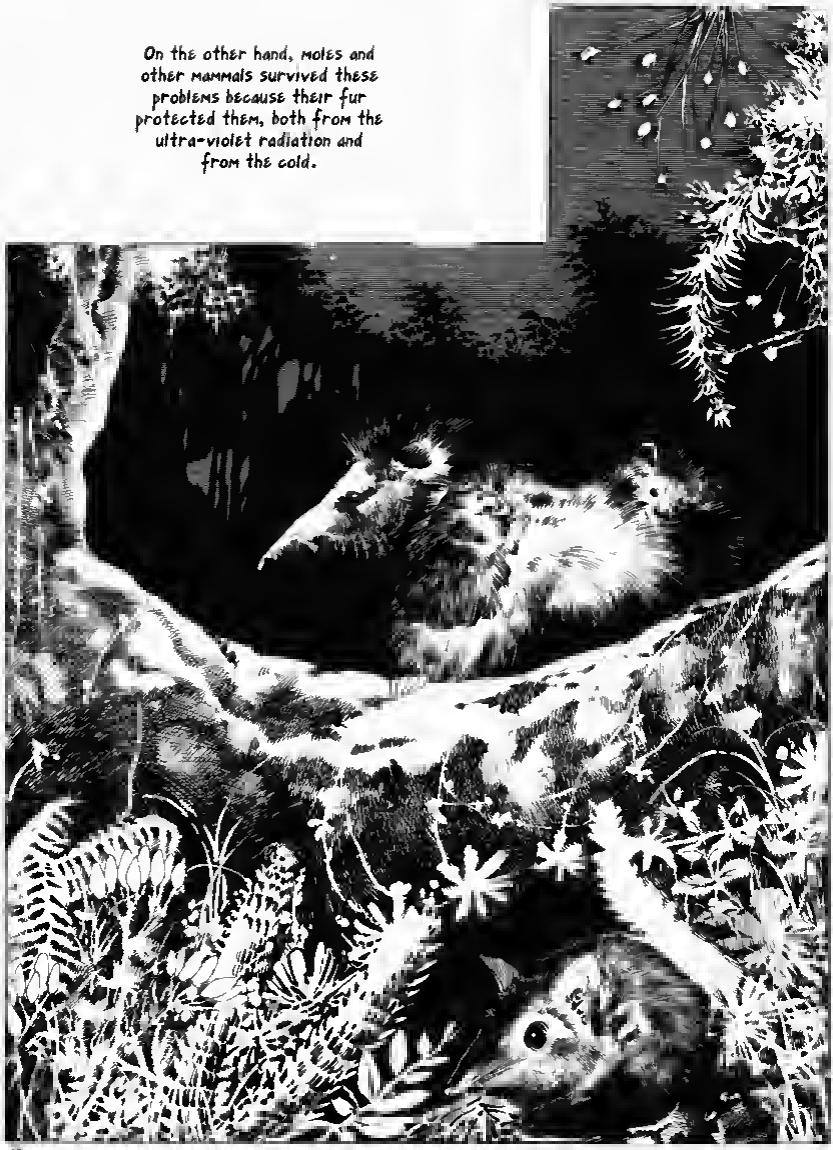


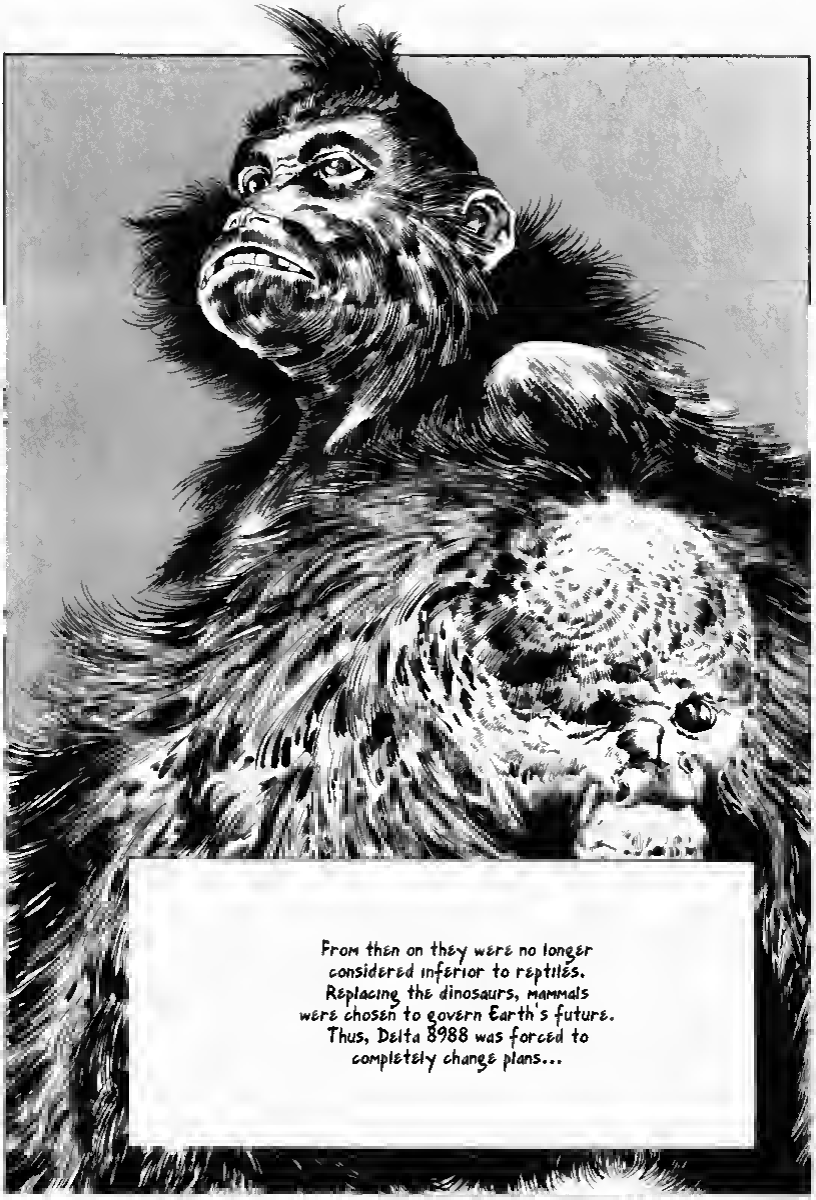
Most organisms had little resistance to this type of radiation and quickly disappeared...

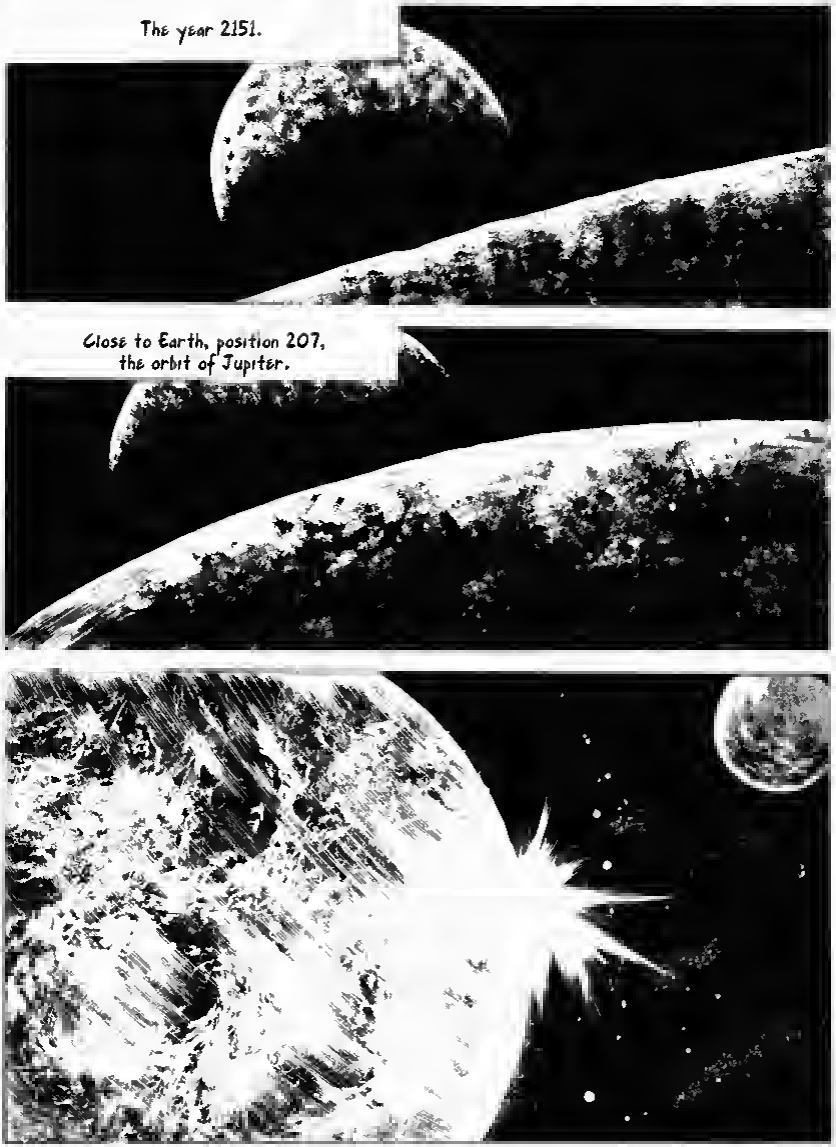
Not even the dinosaurs were spared.

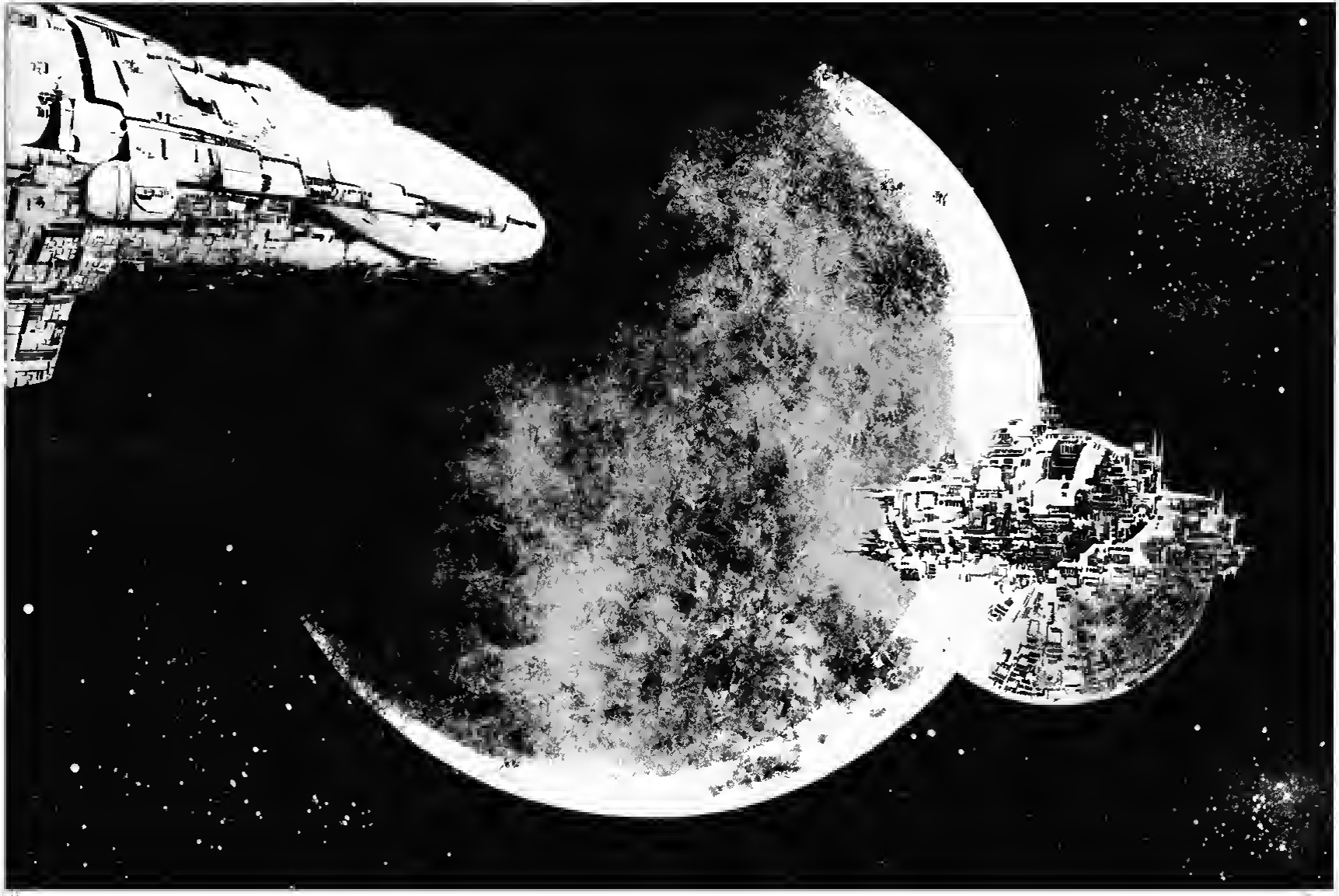
Rock formations rose up from within the bowels of the Earth, causing oceans to shrink. This was the final blow for the dinosaurs, since the humidity of the Earth dropped and it became colder. The cold-blooded dinosaurs couldn't take this low temperature and disappeared completely.

On the other hand, moles and other mammals survived these problems because their fur protected them, both from the ultra-violet radiation and from the cold.

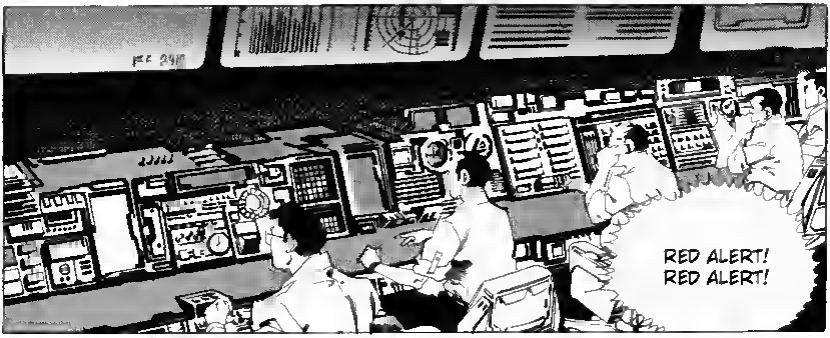


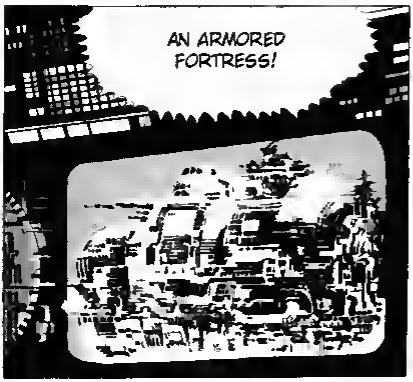

From then on they were no longer considered inferior to reptiles. Replacing the dinosaurs, mammals were chosen to govern Earth's future. Thus, Delta 8988 was forced to completely change plans...


The year 2151.
Close to Earth, position 207,
the orbit of Jupiter.

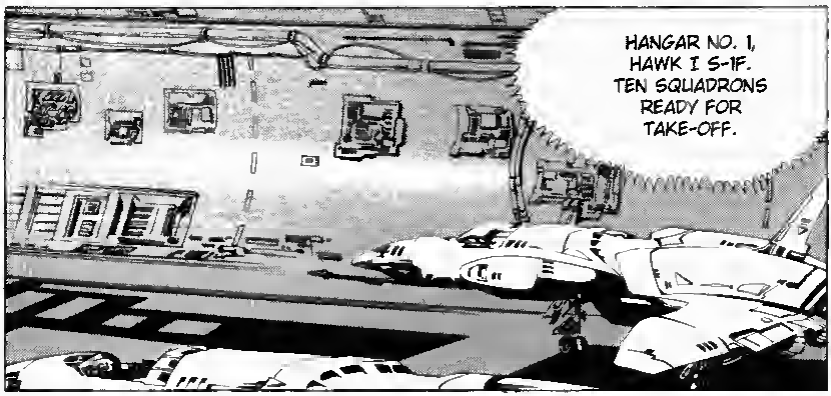


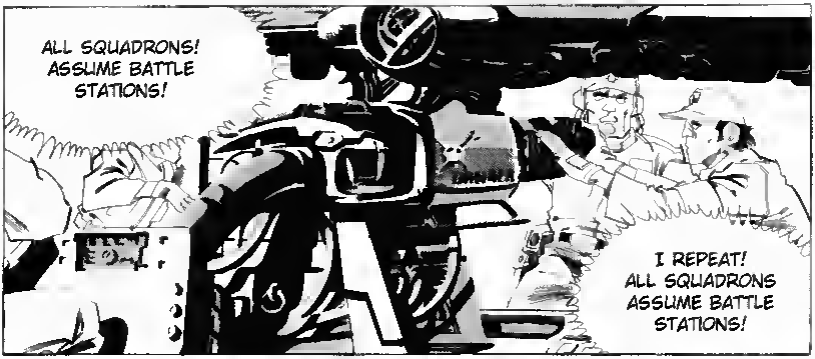
PROLOGUE VI
COMMANDER KESAROS, CONQUEROR OF EARTH


RED ALERT!
RED ALERT!

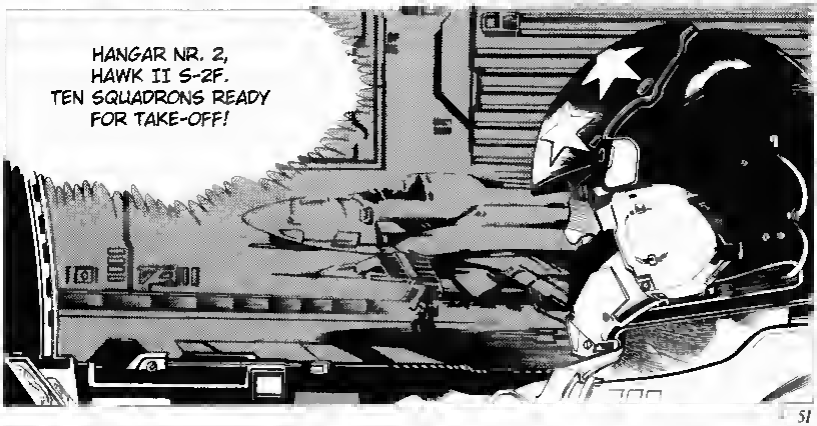

AN ARMORED FORTRESS!

THEIR FIREPOWER IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE!
PREPARE TO ENGAGE!

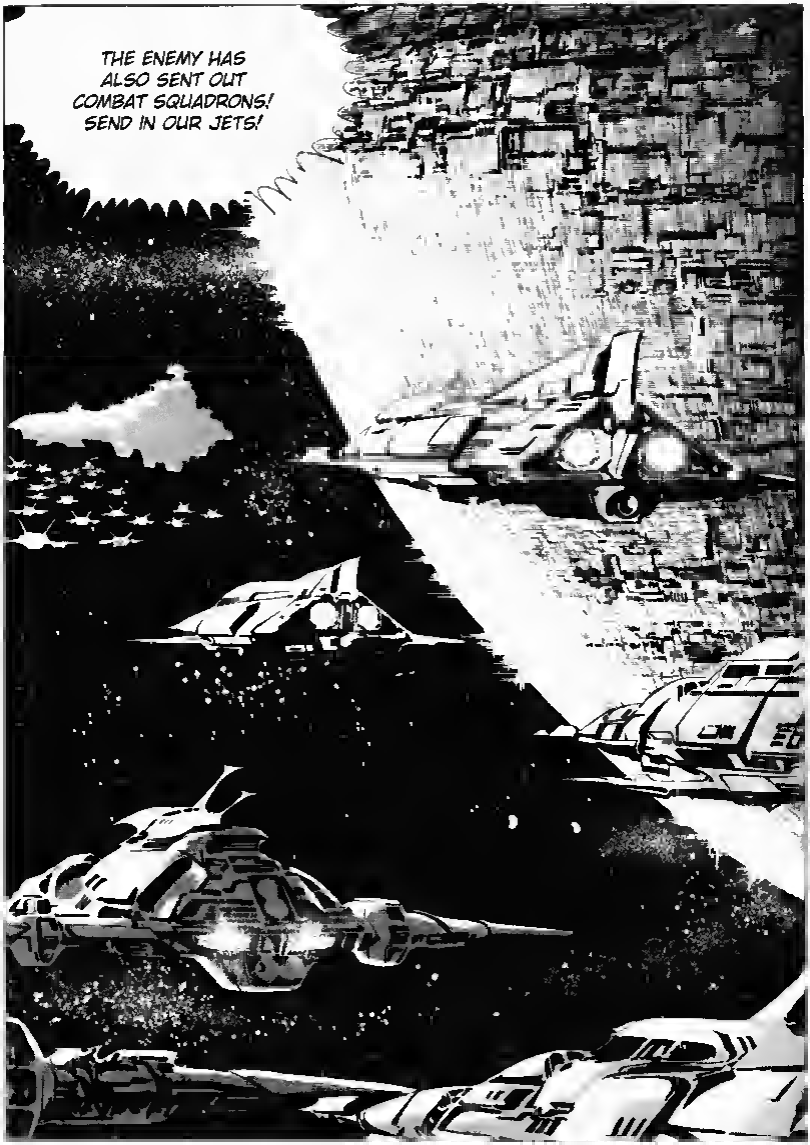

HANGAR NO. 1, HAWK I S-1F. TEN SQUADRONS READY FOR TAKE-OFF.


ALL SQUADRONS! ASSUME BATTLE STATIONS!
I REPEAT! ALL SQUADRONS ASSUME BATTLE STATIONS!

CURRENT DISTANCE IS 408,000 KM. ETA 31 SECONDS.


HANGAR NR. 2, HAWK II S-2F. TEN SQUADRONS READY FOR TAKE-OFF!

RANGE 315,000!
COMMENCING
COUNTDOWN!
10, 9, 8,
7, 6, 5,
4, 3, 2,
1,
0, GO!


THE ENEMY HAS ALSO SENT OUT COMBAT SQUADRONS! SEND IN OUR JETS!

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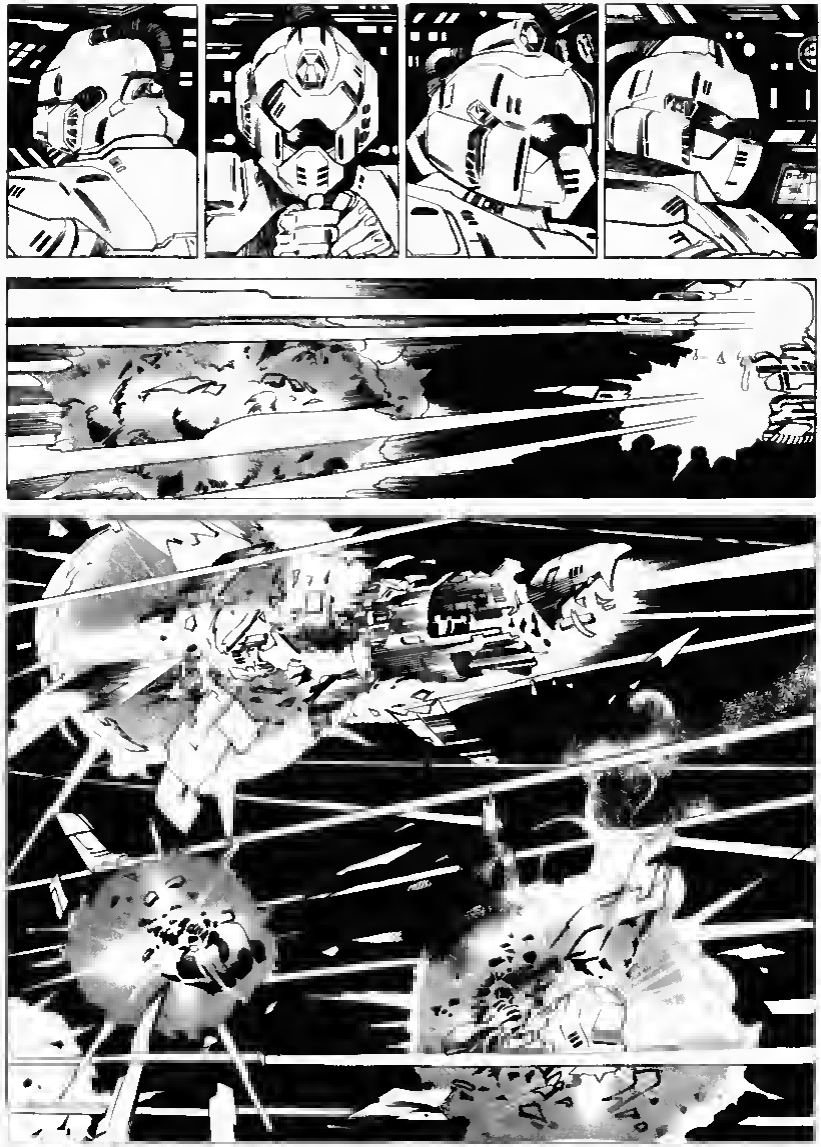
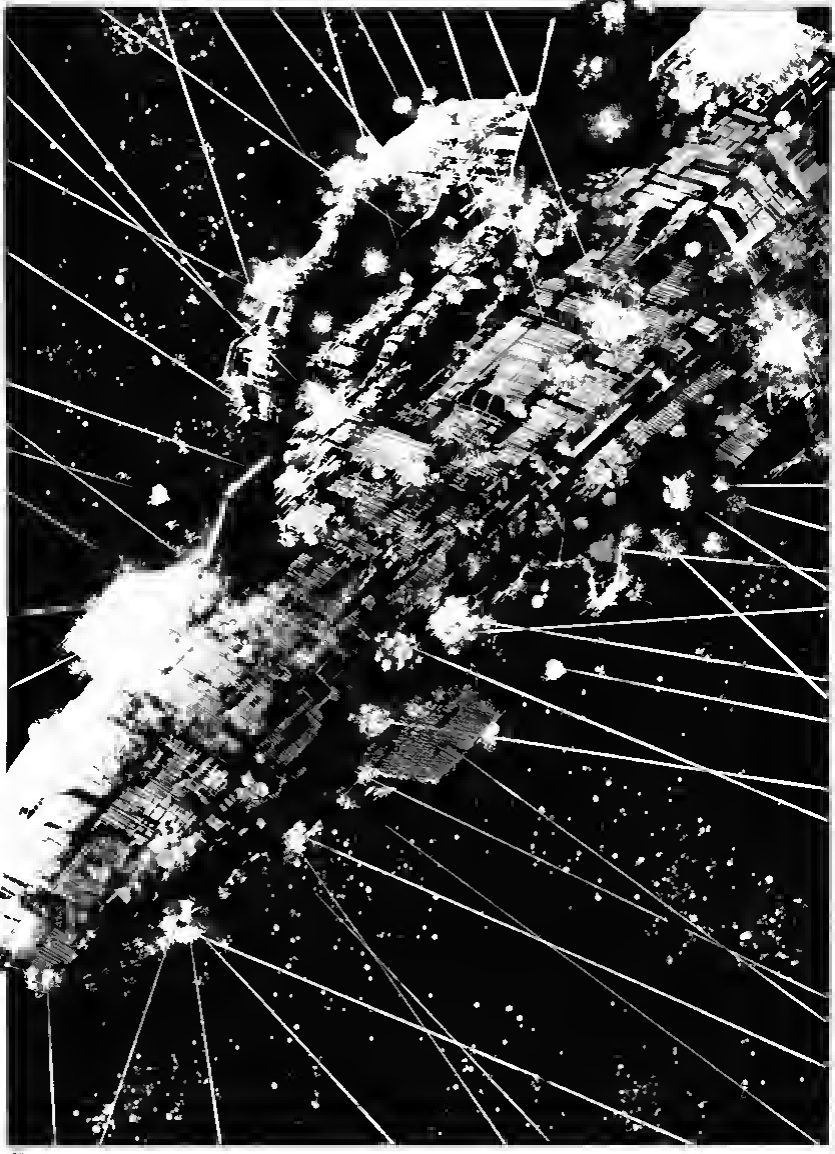
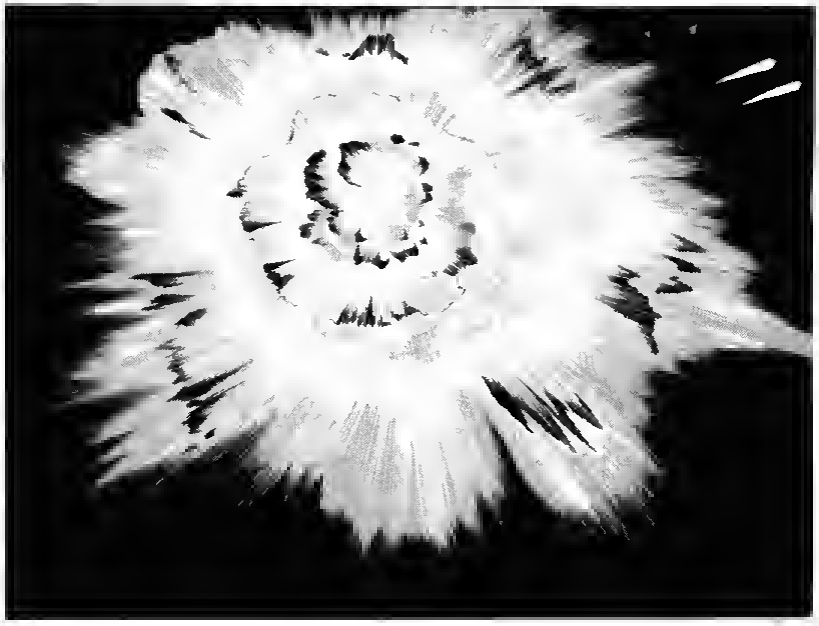
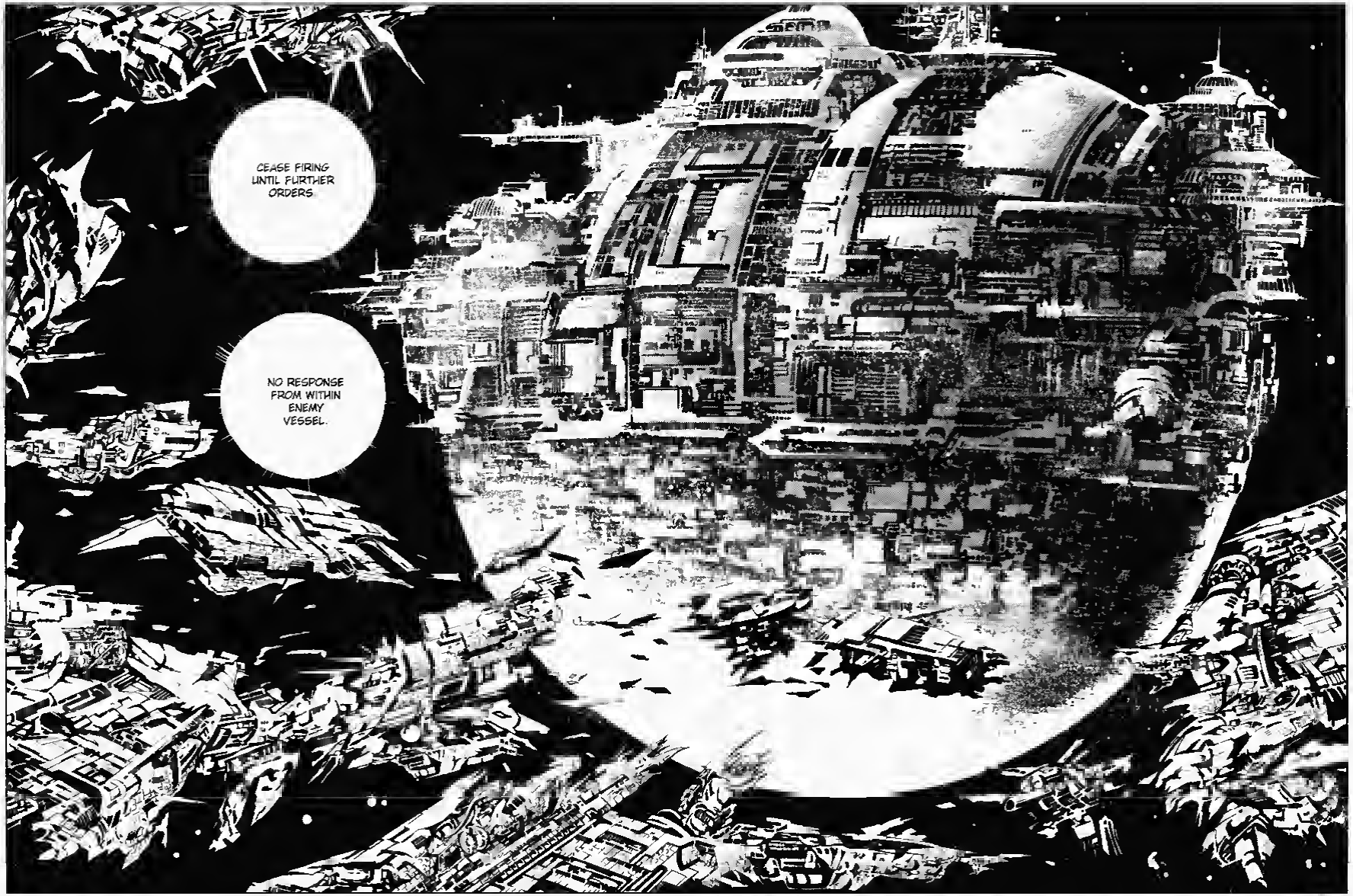
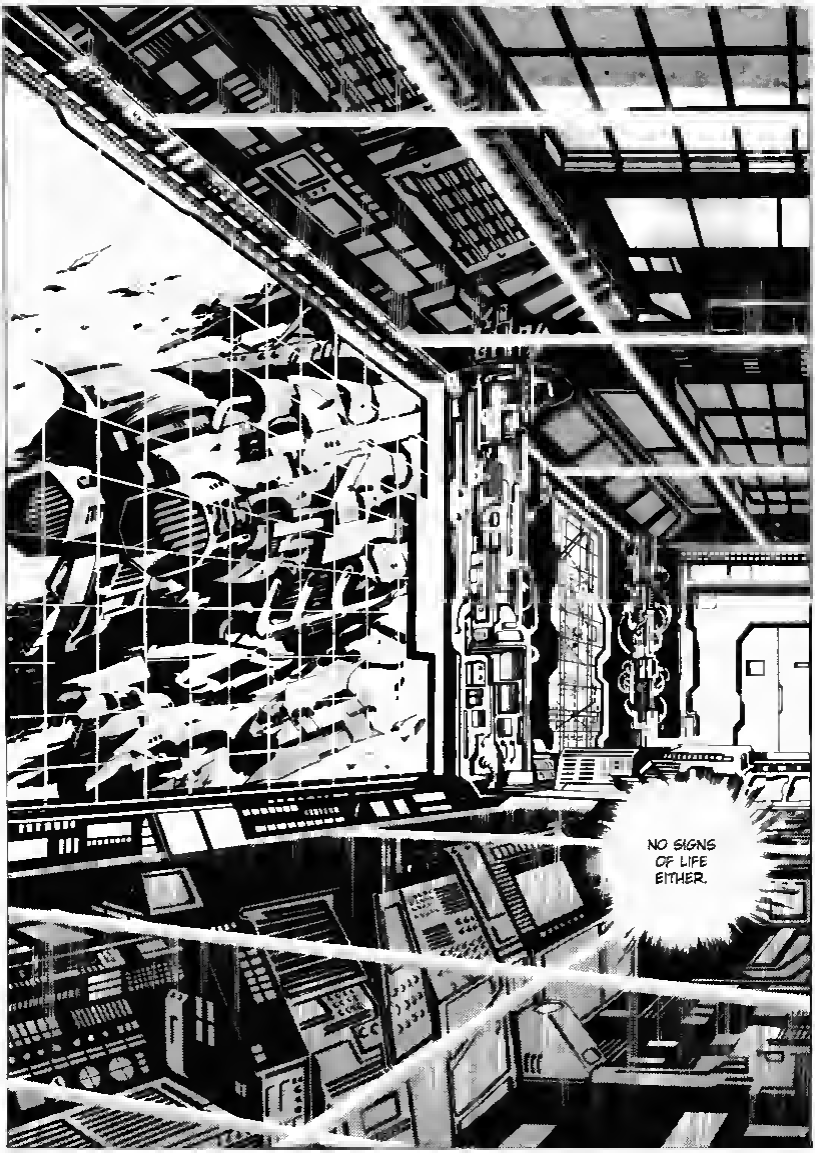


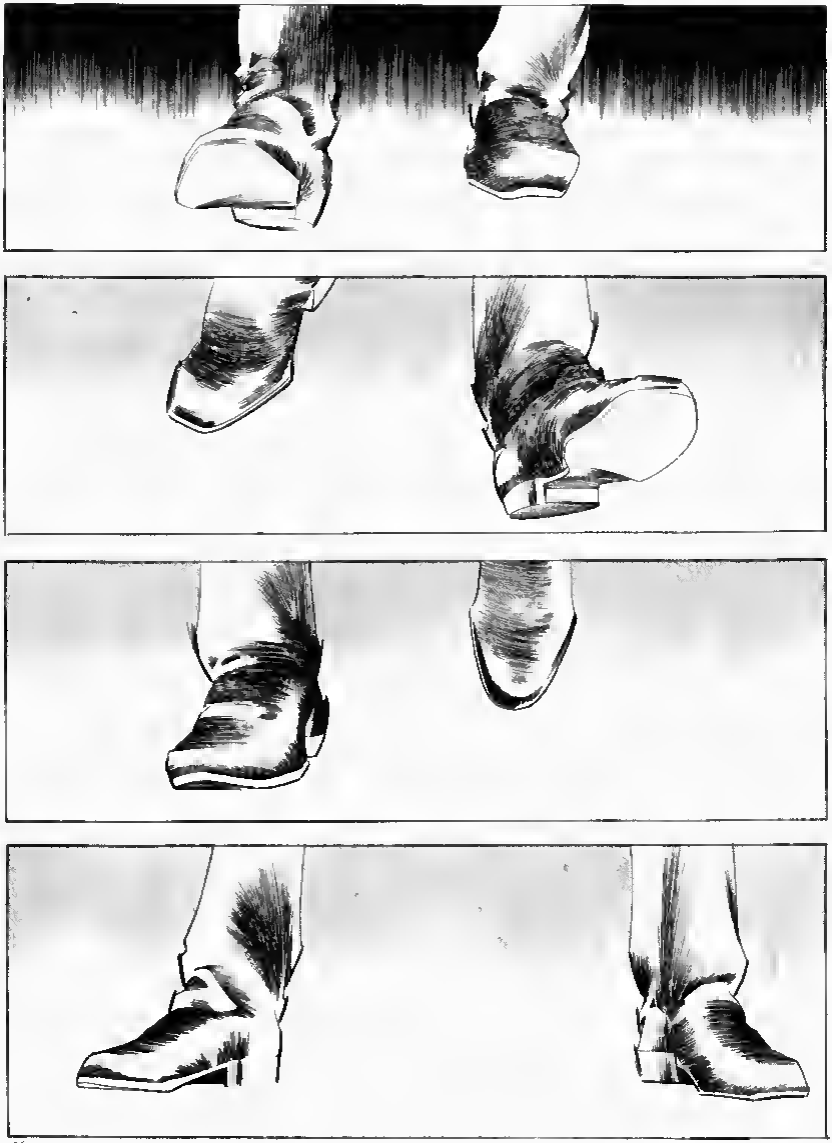


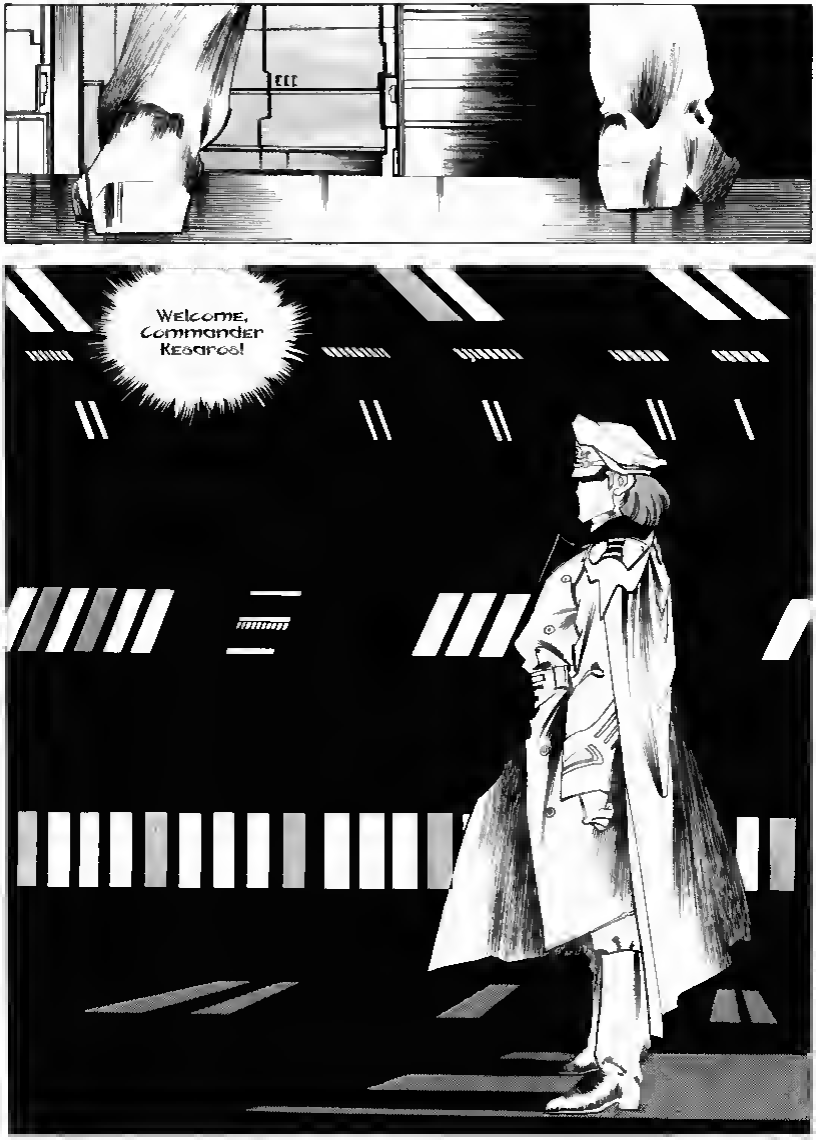



CEASE FIRING UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.
NO RESPONSE FROM WITHIN ENEMY VESSEL.

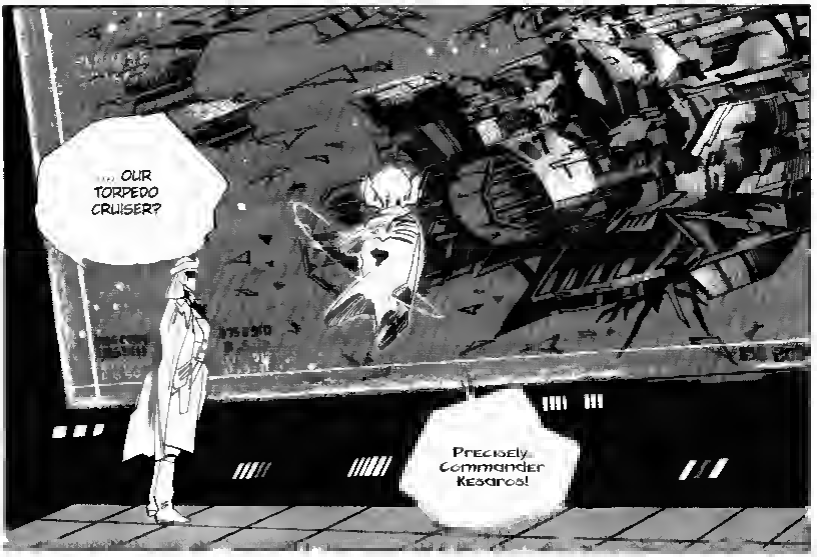

NO SIGNS OF LIFE EITHER.

WE HAVE ANNIHILATED THE ENEMY. BACK TO BASE, OVER!




Welcome, Commander Kesaros!

URANOS, THE CRUISERS FROM EARTH HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO COSMIC GRAVEYARDS!
WE HAVEN'T SUFFERED A SINGLE LOSS.
Good work, Kesaros, but I have bad news!
Check the main screen!
AH, IS THAT...


.... OUR TORPEDO CRUISER?
Precisely, Commander Kesaros!

And over there is our latest flagship model. Both have been destroyed!

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE, URANOS?

Look at screen one...
THAT IMAGE...
These are the last images our fighters sent us before they were destroyed
We are currently above Deimos, a satellite of planet Mars.
Now watch the left... see anything?

ELCA?

ELCA... I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT KIND OF CRAFT. IT'S REMARKABLY FAST... FASTER THAN OUR SHIPS!
It is not just the speed. Those little craft destroyed our armored cruiser in three minutes.
Elca... an unidentified organization. Up until now that is the only information we have on them. We do not know where they came from nor who their leader is. What we do know is that Elca is an organization that defends Earth!

To put it bluntly: they are our enemy!
Commander Kesarol! You will have under your command a powerful warship. You have 96 hours to root out and destroy Elea!

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, URANOS!

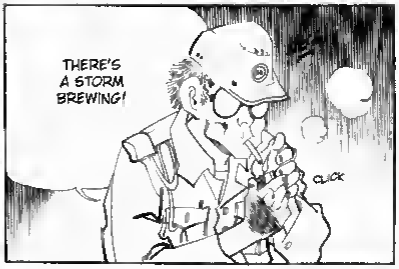
You have 96 hours, Commander! Do not forget that!

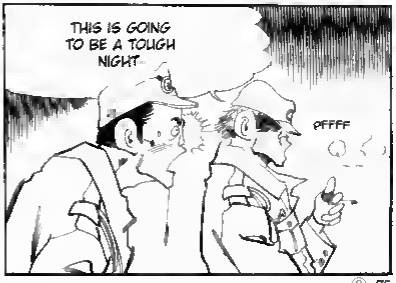
1996, Earth.
SPACE

GAH!
I HATE THIS
WEATHER!

SFX RUMBLE

AND TO THINK IT WAS
SUNNY JUST A MINUTE AGO!
HOW'S THAT POSSIBLE?


THERE'S
A STORM
BREWING!
CLICK


THIS IS GOING
TO BE A TOUGH
NIGHT...
PFFFF

HEY! CHECK THAT OUT!
WHAT, WHAT?

TSS... ISN'T THAT JUST A STATUE?
AH, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
COME ON, LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK!
BUT IT WASN'T THERE BEFORE, IDIOT!
THAT SCULPTURE IS... KIND OF WEIRD. I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THAT AROUND HERE!
HMM... YOU'RE RIGHT...

WELL... I DUNNO!
LET'S GO! WE SHOULD BE INSIDE INSTEAD OF OUTSIDE IN THIS WEATHER!
EXACTLY! WITH A DRINK!
WANT TO GO DRINK SOMETHING IN THAT BAR OVER THERE?
FLASH
OK!
BOY, SOUNDS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD!
I'M SO UNCOMFORTABLE!

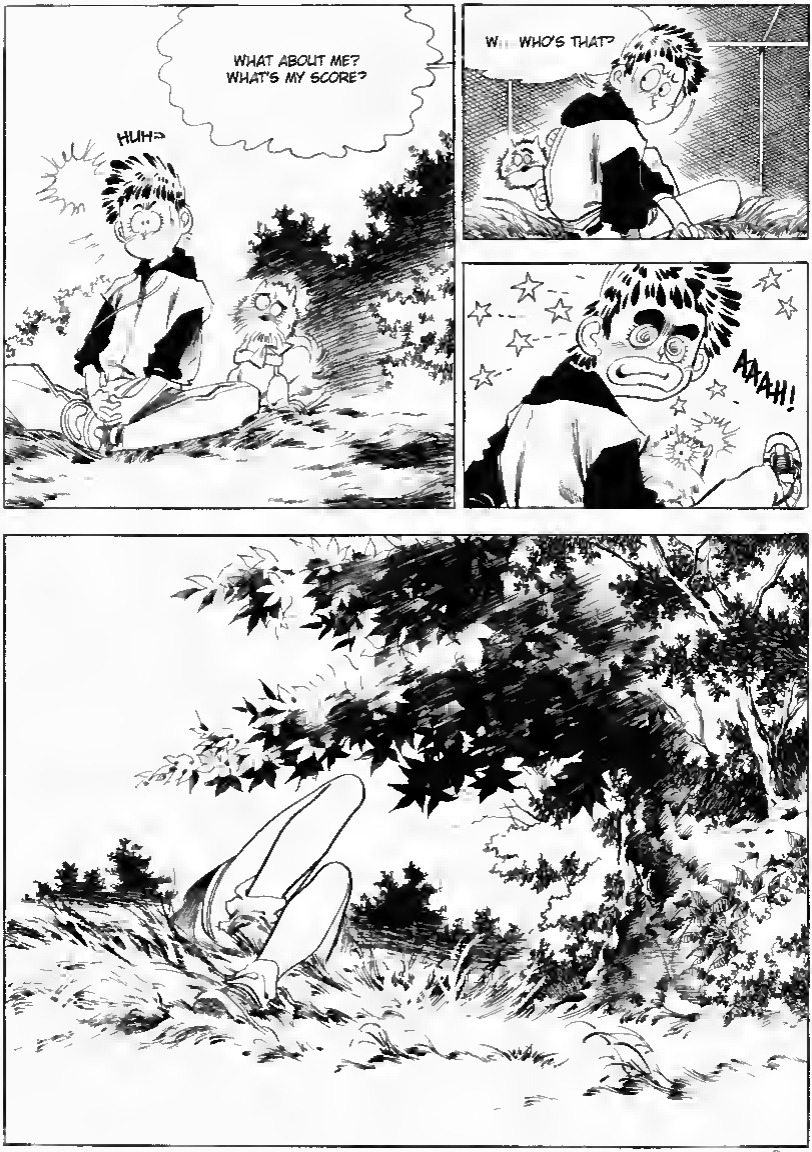
A beautiful Sunday.
HELLO, YONG!
WOOF!
ARF!
ARF!
SMACK
HEY, CUT IT OUT!
ALRIGHT ALREADY, YOU CAN COME WITH ME!

ク

HEY YONG, LET'S SIT DOWN!
THUD
I TOLD YOU WE WERE GOING FOR A WALK, SO STOP YAMMERING!
YAP!
POCK

SFX POCK
WOW!
SUPER!
CHECK IT OUT YONG!
YOU'RE A GUY TOO, YOU'LL
LOVE THIS!
oh
yes...

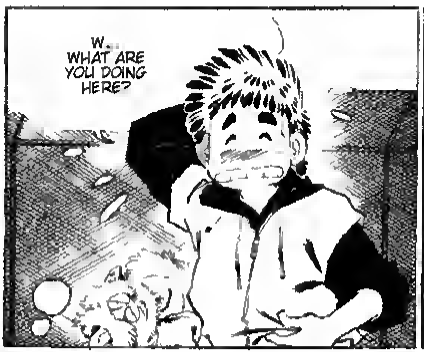
SFX POCK
SHE'S PRETTY, EH YONG? I'D GIVE HER A 7!
MM! AND THAT ONE AN 8!
OH BOY, THAT ONE IS AT LEAST A 9!


WHAT ABOUT ME?
WHAT'S MY SCORE?
HUH?
WHO'S THAT?
AAAH!

THE UNKNOWN SHOOTER II

SCHRAAW
KRIII
GRR...

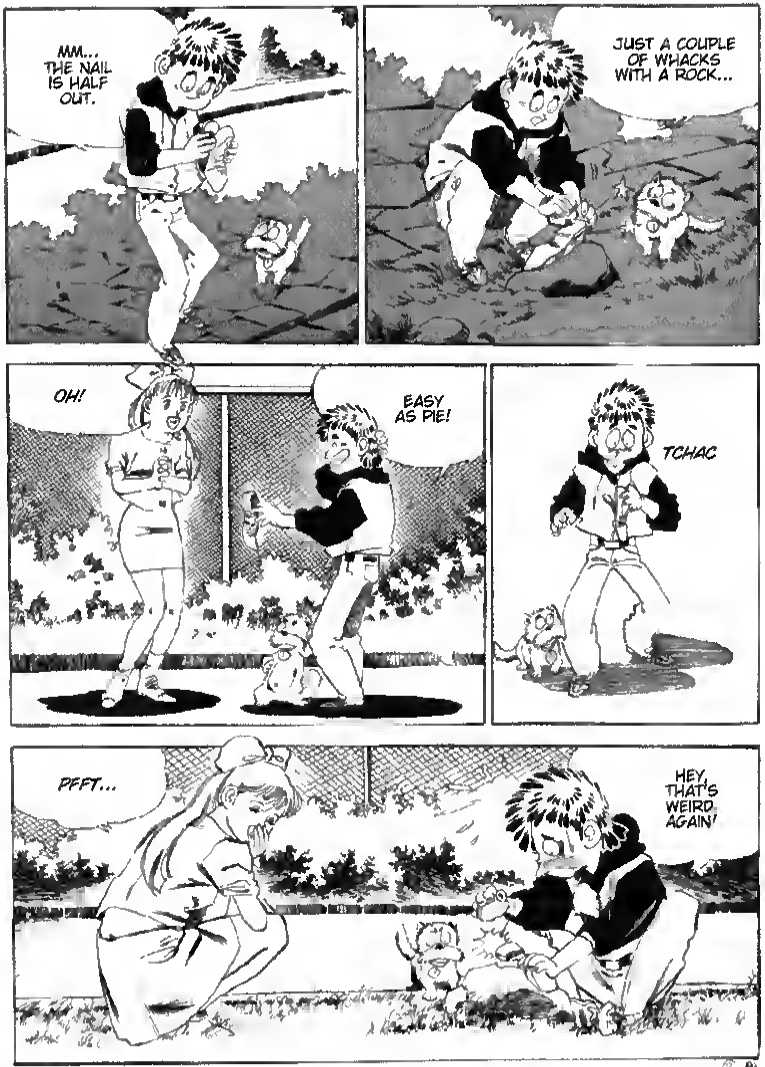
MARY!


W-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I WAS THE ONE ASKING THE QUESTIONS, HYESONG!

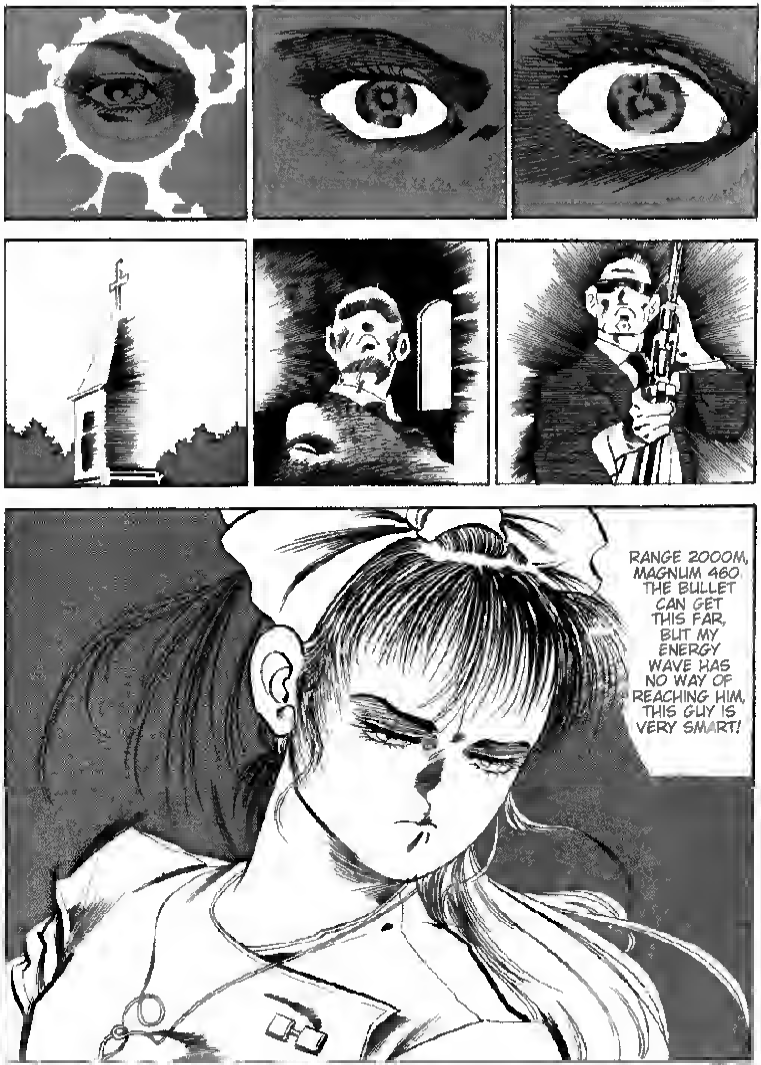
AM I ALSO GETTING A 7?
MORE!
WHAT ABOUT AN 8?
NO, EVEN MORE..
HYESONG, SUCH A SERIOUS LOOK. IT'S LIKE YOU'RE SERIOUS!
WHY WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE ME WHEN I'M SPEAKING THE TRUTH?

HEY!
THE HEEL OF YOUR SHOE HAS COME LOSE.
I BOUGHT THESE YESTERDAY AND ALREADY THEY ARE WORTHLESS ..
WANT ME TO FIX IT?
OH, YES! PLEASE!


MM... THE NAIL IS HALF OUT.
JUST A COUPLE OF WHACKS WITH A ROCK...
OH!
EASY AS PIE!
TCHAC
PFFT...
HEY, THAT'S WEIRD AGAIN!

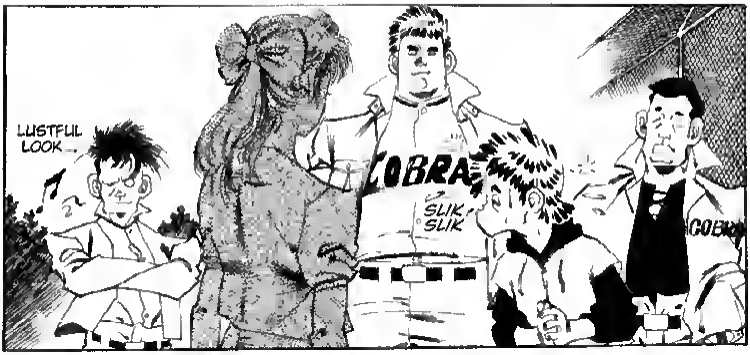
2:000
ALMOST!
DID YOU FIX IT?

YOU'RE SO CLUMSY, HYESONG. BOYS SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIX THIS EASILY!
EEEEK
BIP
THE ALARM SIGNAL!
BUT IT'S COMING FROM AFAR...
BANG BANG
GRR...

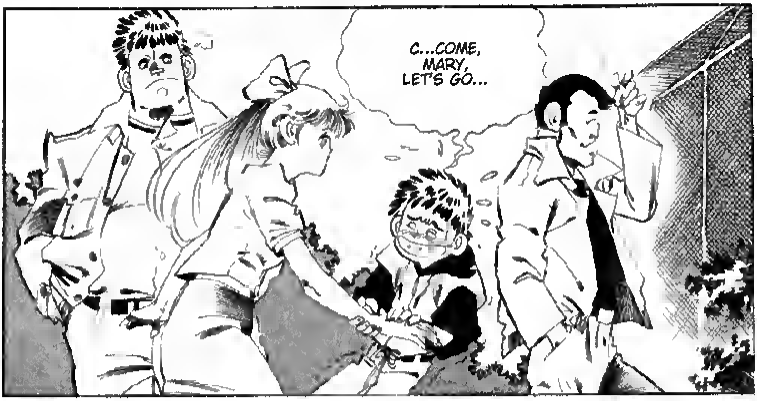

RANGE 2000M, MAGNUM 460 THE BULLET CAN GET THIS FAR, BUT MY ENERGY WAVE HAS NO WAY OF REACHING HIM. THIS GUY IS VERY SMART!

HEY THERE, YOU!
HAVING SOME FUN?
COBRA
COBRA

DAMN! IT'S THE COBRAS!
DAMNED


LUSTFUL LOOK...
COBRA
SLIK SLIK
COBRA

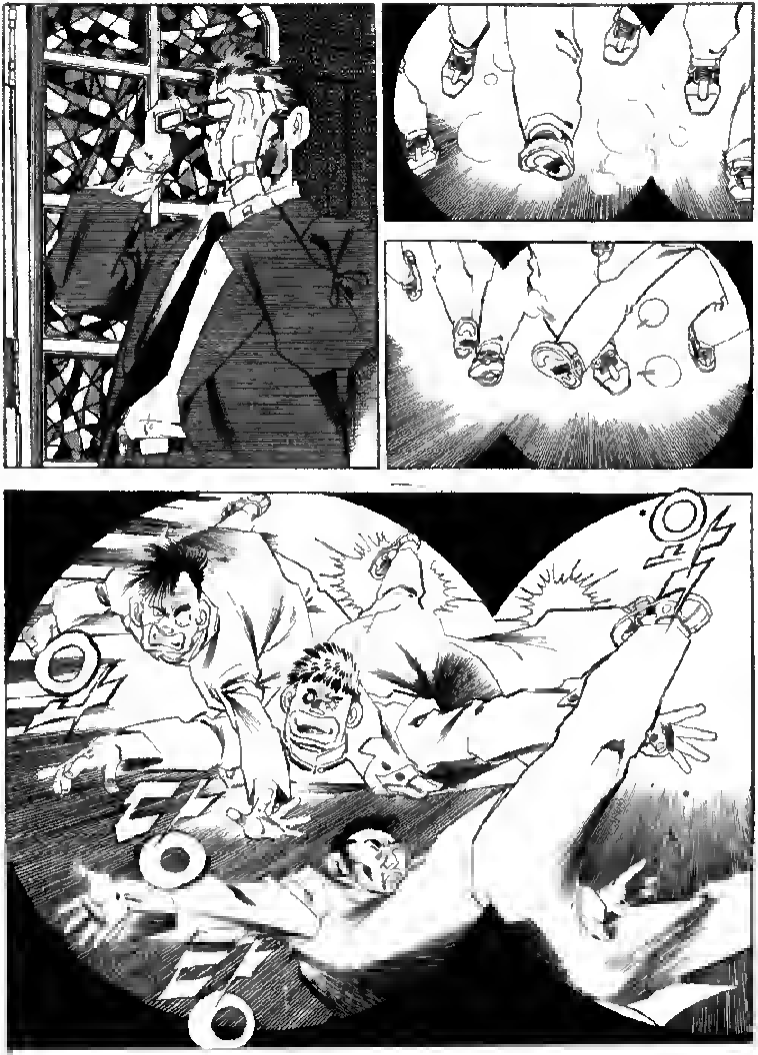
SLIK SLIK

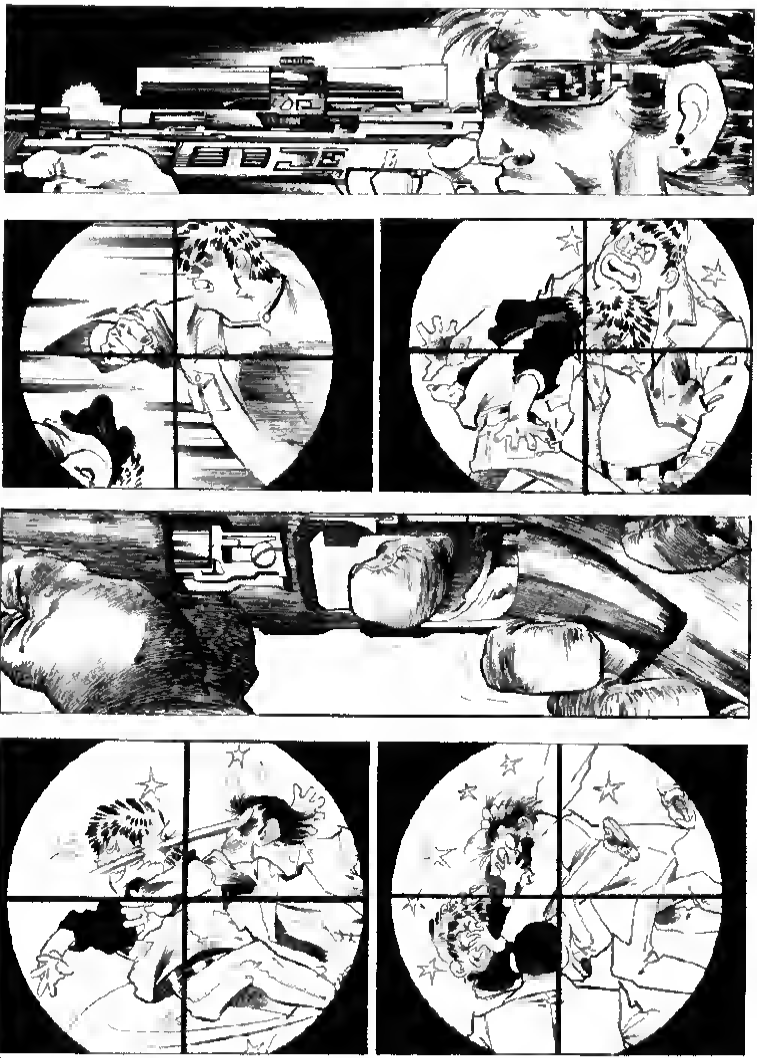

C...COME, MARY, LET'S GO...

HEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
SLIK!
YOU CAN GO WHEN YOU WANT!
NO... UHH... YOU CAN LET HER GO. I'LL STAY!
WHAT'S THAT?
FUNNY GUY AREN'T YOU?

WHAT A DISASTER!
YONG, WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING!
BOY ARE YOU STUPID!
I CAN'T GET OUT WHILE MARY
UHH. MARY!
TRY TO ESCAPE! AS SOON AS YOU CAN, RUN AWAY!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I CAN SAVE MYSELF, SURE IT LOOKS LIKE I'M SCARED, BUT.
UHH..
HUM..
HUM...

OKAY, GOOD LUCK!
BYE!
OH, DON'T LEAVE ME...
HEY! SHE'S GETTING AWAY!
GET HER, FAST!



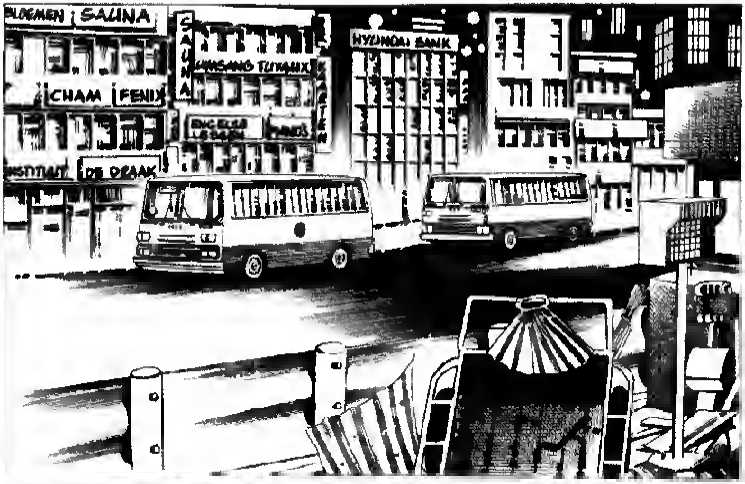


DAMNED!
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

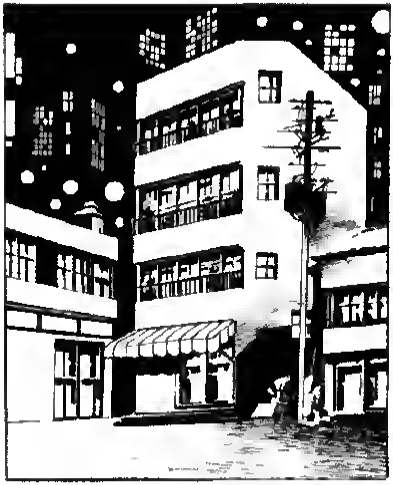
RATATATA
타탕

BRO-K!
KRI!
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
...
A FALLING TARGET IS THE MOST DIFFICULT TO SHOOT... ON TOP OF THAT... YOU... HIT ME THE EXACT MOMENT I WAS POINTING MY RIFLE UP.
YOU KNOW THE BLIND SPOT OF A SHOOTER, WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

ELCA
009
YOUR NAME?
PANDORA!
YOU'RE...
VERY...
STRONG.
PAN...
DO...
BZZ


SALINA
CHAM FENIX
HYUNDAI BANK

AKBAR
FENIX



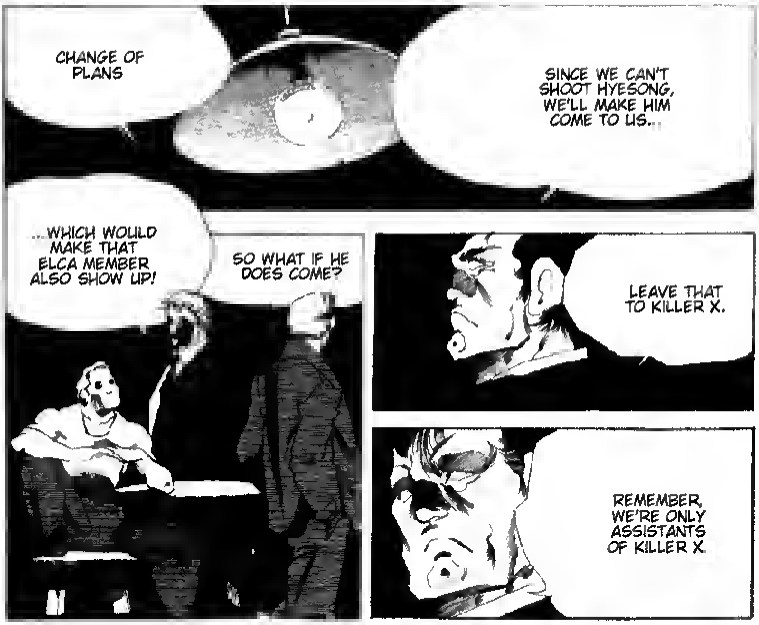
BZZ...
COLT
KLIK
KLAK
KRIIIK

NR. 3 SHOULD'VE BEEN BACK BY NOW!
THAT MEANS HE'S A GONER...
TAKEN CARE OF BY ELCA...

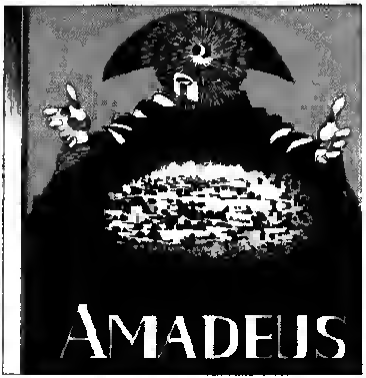
ELCA!

WHO ARE THEY ANYWAY?

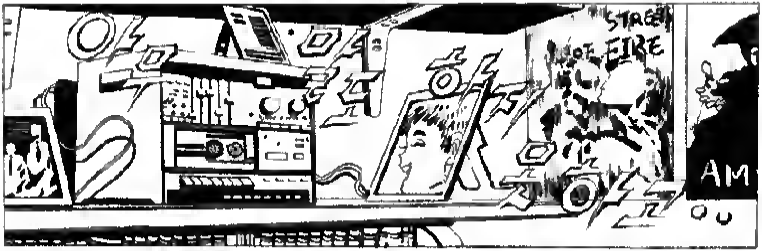
THEY MUST BE STRONG. THEY'VE ALREADY TERMINATED NR. 1, 2 AND 3!


CHANGE OF PLANS
SINCE WE CAN'T SHOOT HYESONG, WE'LL MAKE HIM COME TO US...
...WHICH WOULD MAKE THAT ELCA MEMBER ALSO SHOW UP!
SO WHAT IF HE DOES COME?
LEAVE THAT TO KILLER X.
REMEMBER, WE'RE ONLY ASSISTANTS OF KILLER X.

AS SOON AS KILLER X IS HERE, THE JOB IS DONE!

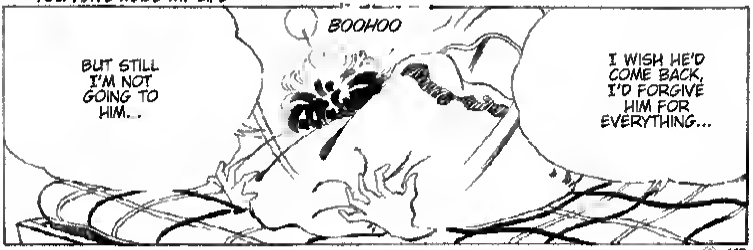


* LOVE ME TENDER LOVE ME TRUE



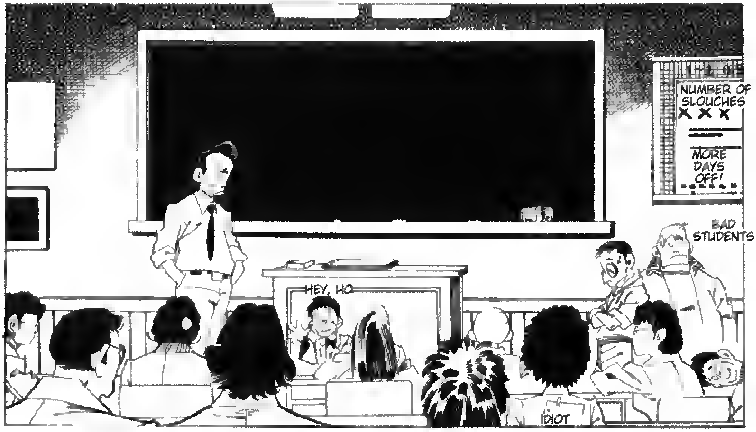
* NEVER LET ME GO

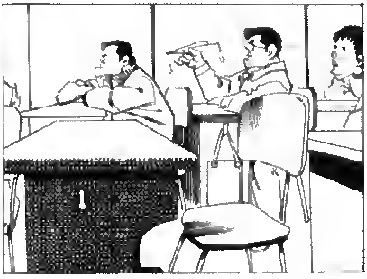
* YOU HAVE MADE MY LIFE



HEY, OMJI, COULD YOU TURN IT DOWN A BIT?
IF YOU'RE ALREADY AT IT THIS LOUD IN THE MORNING...
BLAM!
THE NEIGHBORS ARE GOING TO MAKE A FUSS!
EVER HEARD OF KNOCKING BEFORE ENTERING?
OH, TALKING BIG TO YOUR ELDER SISTER?
IF YOU WANT SOME ALLOWANCE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COOL IT DOWN A BIT, OKAY?
DIE!
BRUCE LEE
LIKE A BOXER
HEY OMJI, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT HYESONG GETTING HURT?

WHY DON'T YOU GO SEE HIM?
PFEH! WHAT DO I CARE!
ODD, YOU USED TO CARE ABOUT EVERY LITTLE COUGH HE MADE.
THIS IS ABOUT HER, ISN'T IT?
SNIF
SNIF
I GET IT, IT'S MARY, ISN'T IT?
HYESONG HAS BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH HER LATELY...
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!


NUMBER OF SLOUCHES
XXX
MORE DAYS OFF!
BAD STUDENTS
HEY, HO
IDIOT



SHE SHOULD REALLY GO
YOU THINK HE'S REALLY HURT?

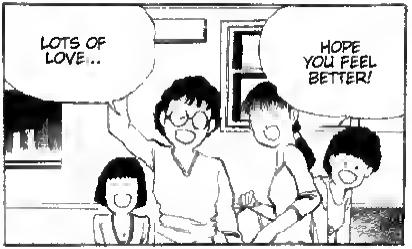
HEY OMJI!
YES, COACH?
WHY DIDN'T YOU GO JOGGING? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
OM OMJI...
UHH.. WELL.. I..
I DON'T FEEL SO WELL TODAY..

WHAT? YOU'RE ILL?

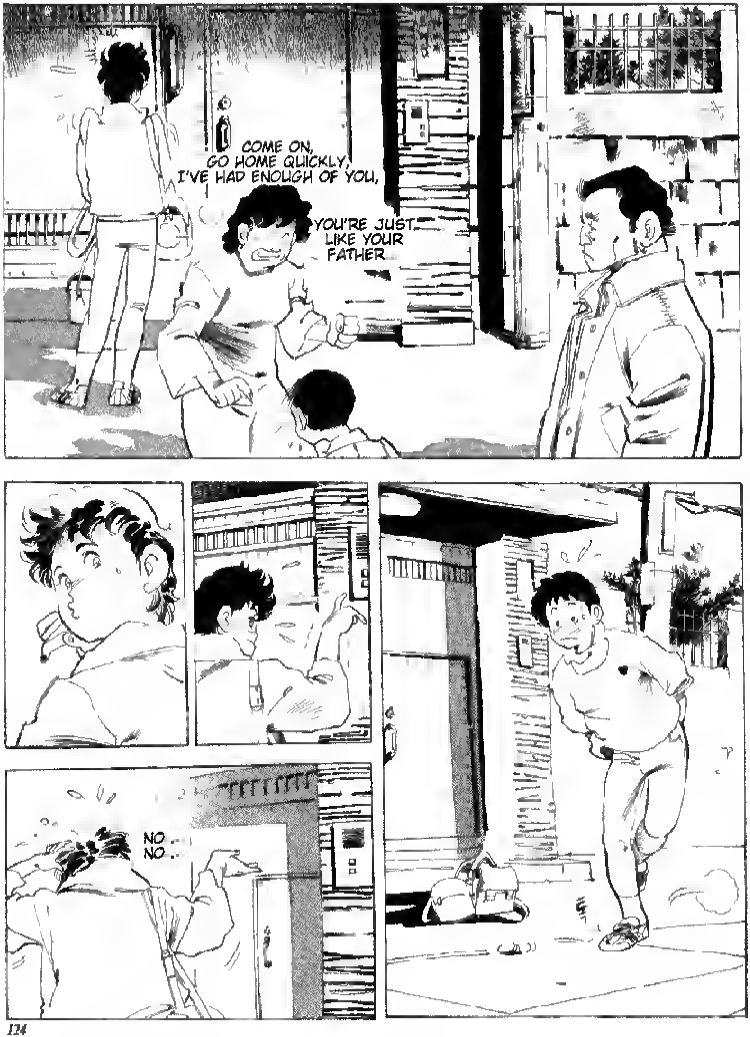
UHH.. SORRY!
COME ON, GO!

THE COMPETITION IS SOON! YOU'LL HAVE TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE YOU KNOW! GO HOME AND REST.

SEE YOU, OMJI.


LOTS OF LOVE..
HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER!

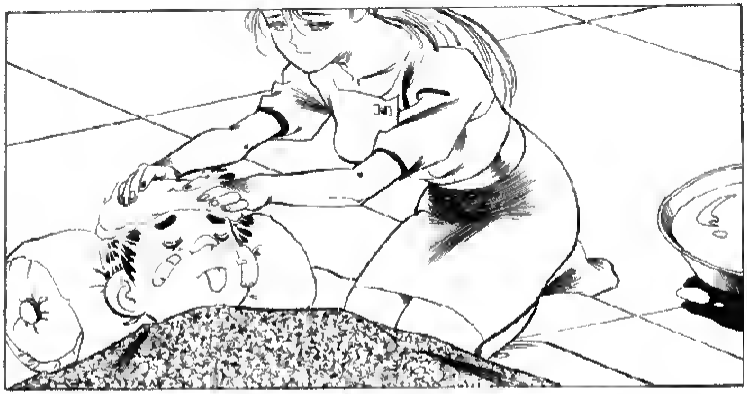
I FEEL A BIT GUILTY...

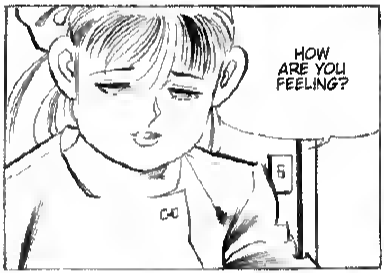

COME ON, GO HOME QUICKLY. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU,
YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER
NO...
NO...

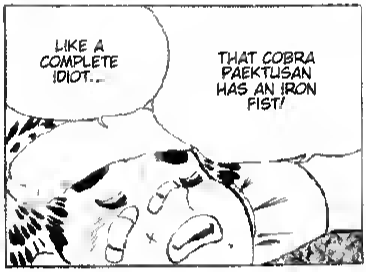
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
HELLO, YONG!
YOU'RE ALWAYS IN GOOD SHAPE, AREN'T YOU?
NOW AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE TO CALL ANYMORE!

HI, MA'AM!
HI, OMJI!
HOW IS HYESONG? IS HE BADLY WOUNDED?
OH YOU KNOW THE DRILL! THAT IDIOT!

YOU CAN GO SEE HIM!
THERE'S ANOTHER FRIEND WITH HIM!
ANOTHER FRIEND?



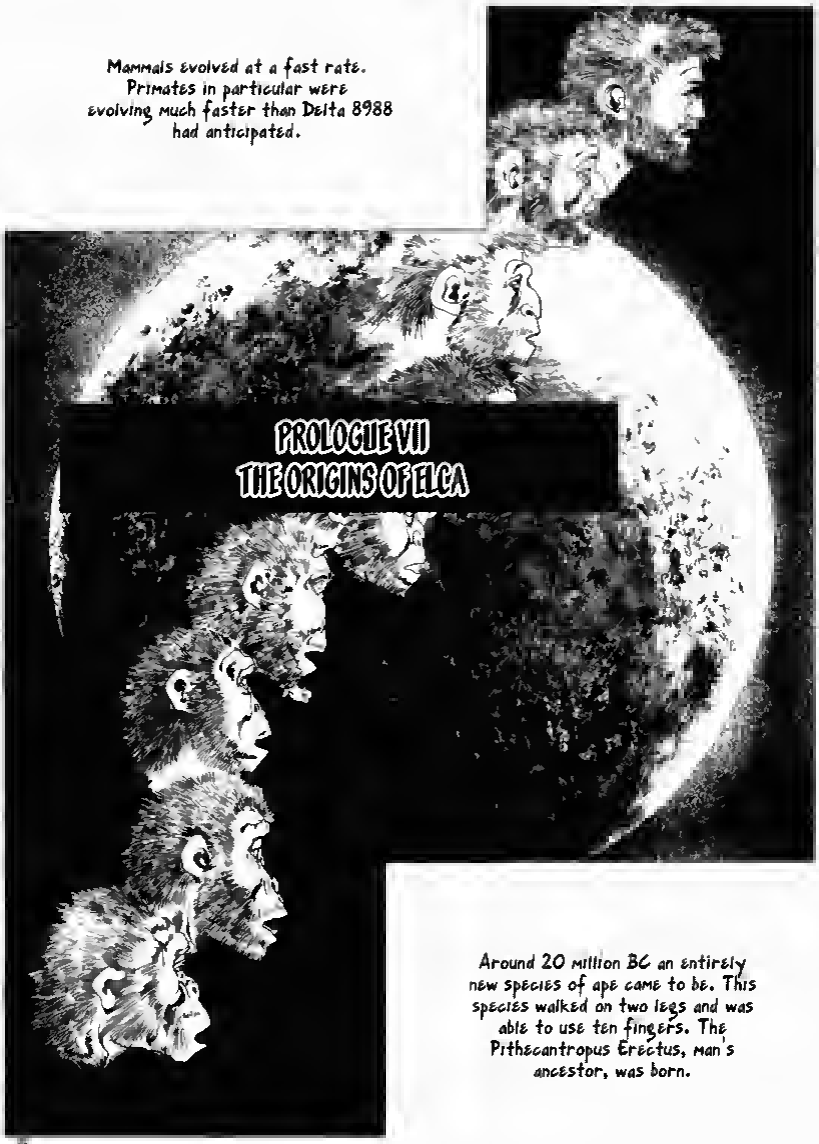

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

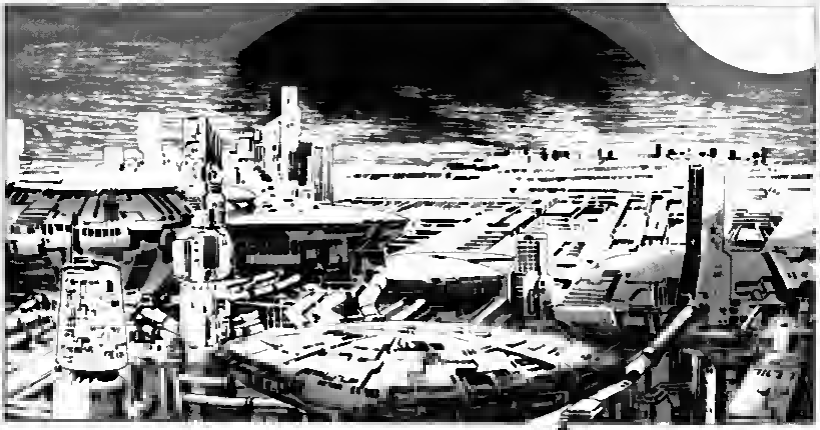

LIKE A COMPLETE IDIOT...
THAT COBRA PAEKTUSAN HAS AN IRON FIST!

HYESONG, DON'T YOU WANT TO EAT SOMETHING?
NO, THANKS. I'M NOT HUNGRY!...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? I CAN SEE SWEAT ALL OVER YOU!
I HAVE A HEADACHE...
OH, REALLY?
LET ME SEE!
UHH... DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
I'M SHY!
BLAM

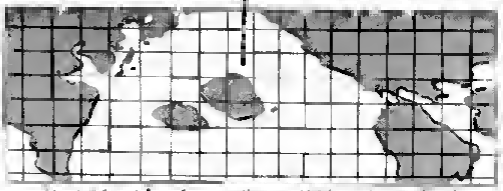
EHH?
OM ...3!!
SLIK
HEHEHEHE
GRR
GRR

HYESONG! DIRTY TRAITOR!
AARGH!
HYESONG!
BAM

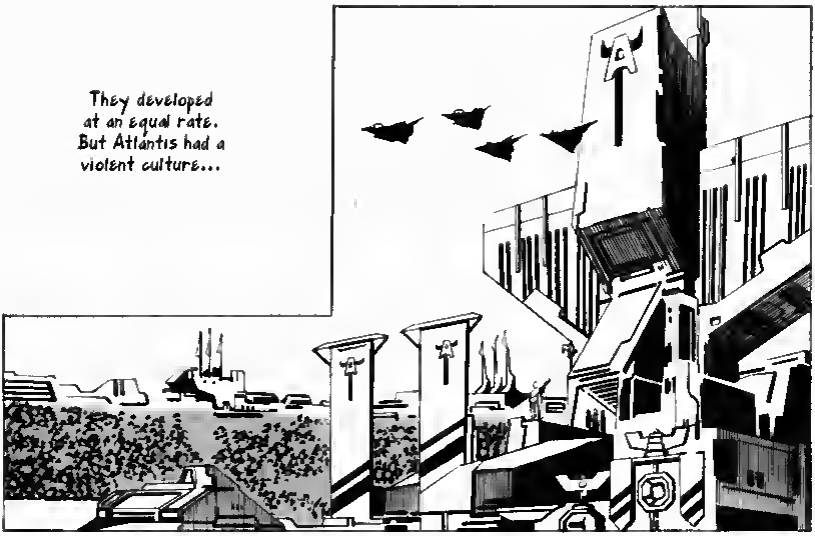

Mammals evolved at a fast rate. Primates in particular were evolving much faster than Delta 8988 had anticipated.
PROLOGUE VII
THE ORIGINS OF ELCA
Around 20 million BC an entirely new species of ape came to be. This species walked on two legs and was able to use ten fingers. The Pithecantropus Erectus, man's ancestor, was born.



In 13,000 BC, two highly evolved societes spread over two continents, Atlantis and Mu.

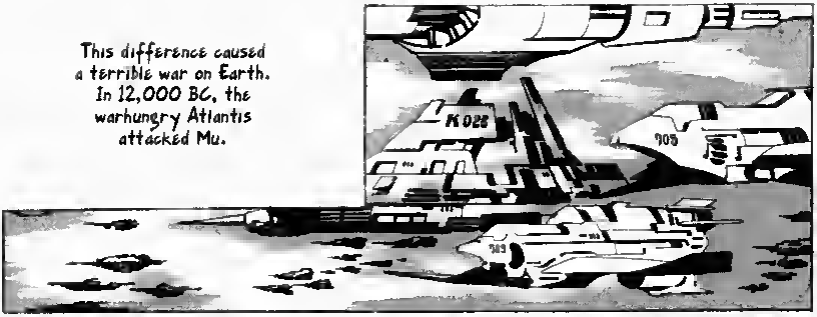


Atlantis: Island from Greek mythology. Mu: Legendary continent.


They developed at an equal rate. But Atlantis had a violent culture...

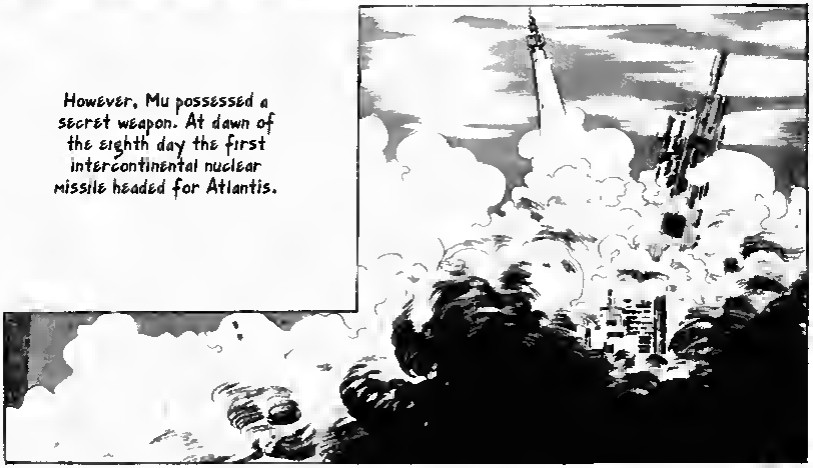
...while the people of Mu were peaceful.

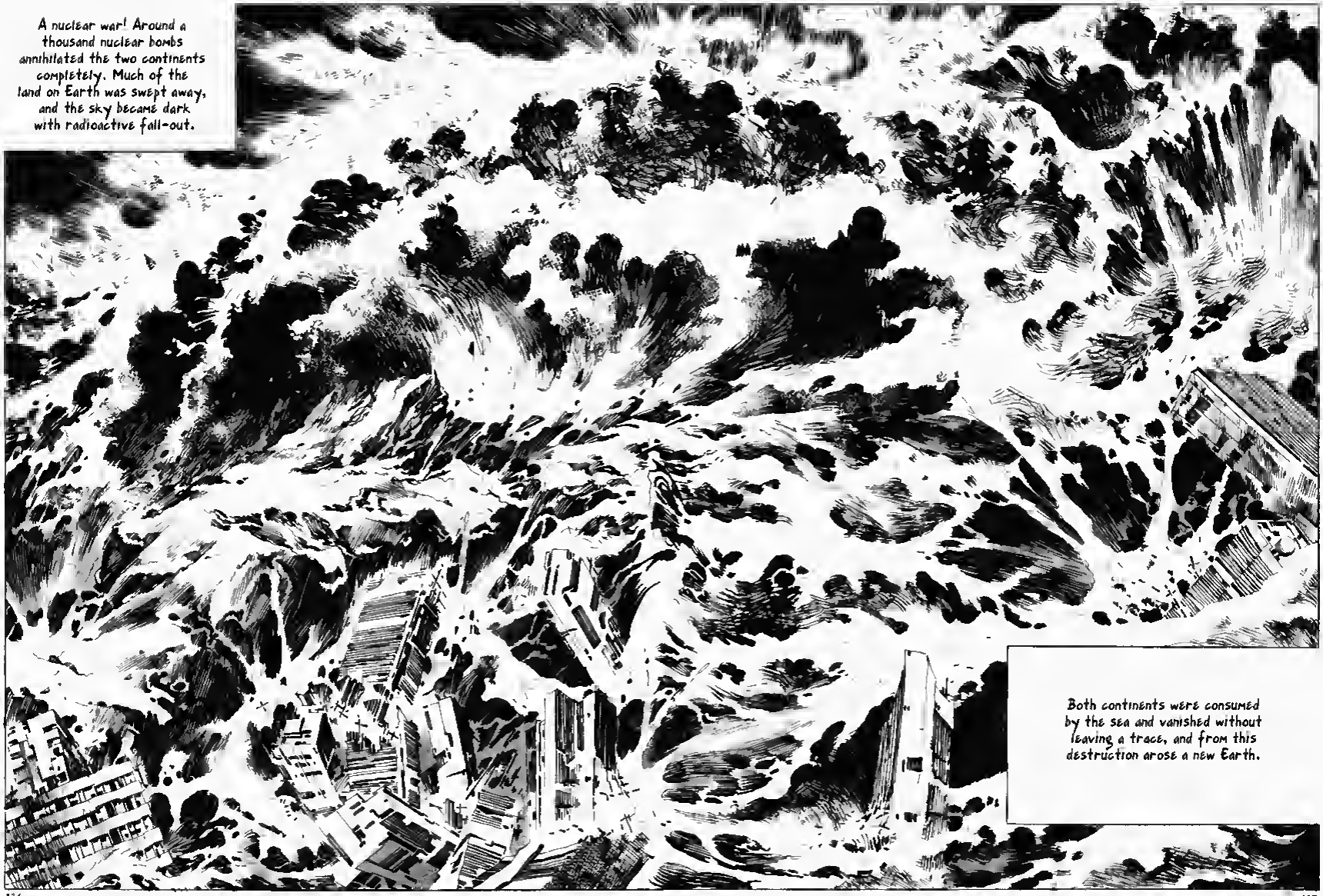
This difference caused a terrible war on Earth. In 12,000 BC, the warhungry Atlantis attacked Mu.

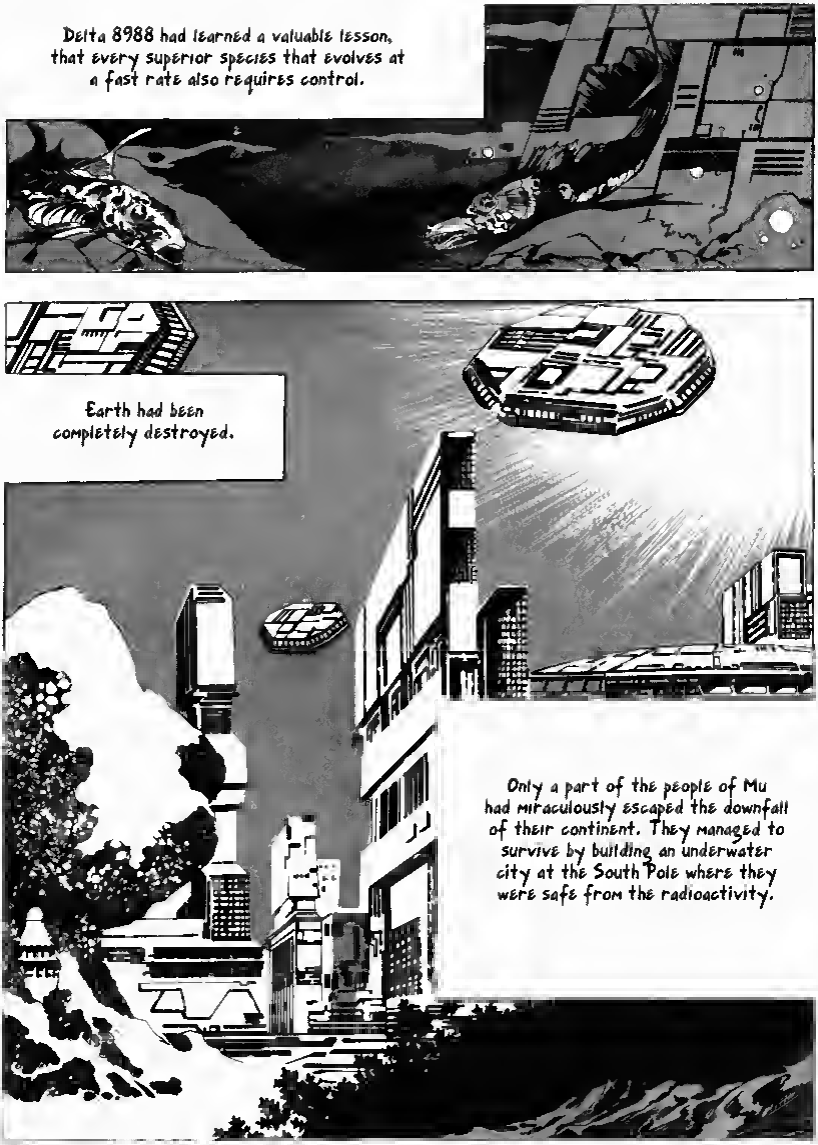


On the third day of the war the military force of Atlantis had destroyed much of Mu. Victory was near.

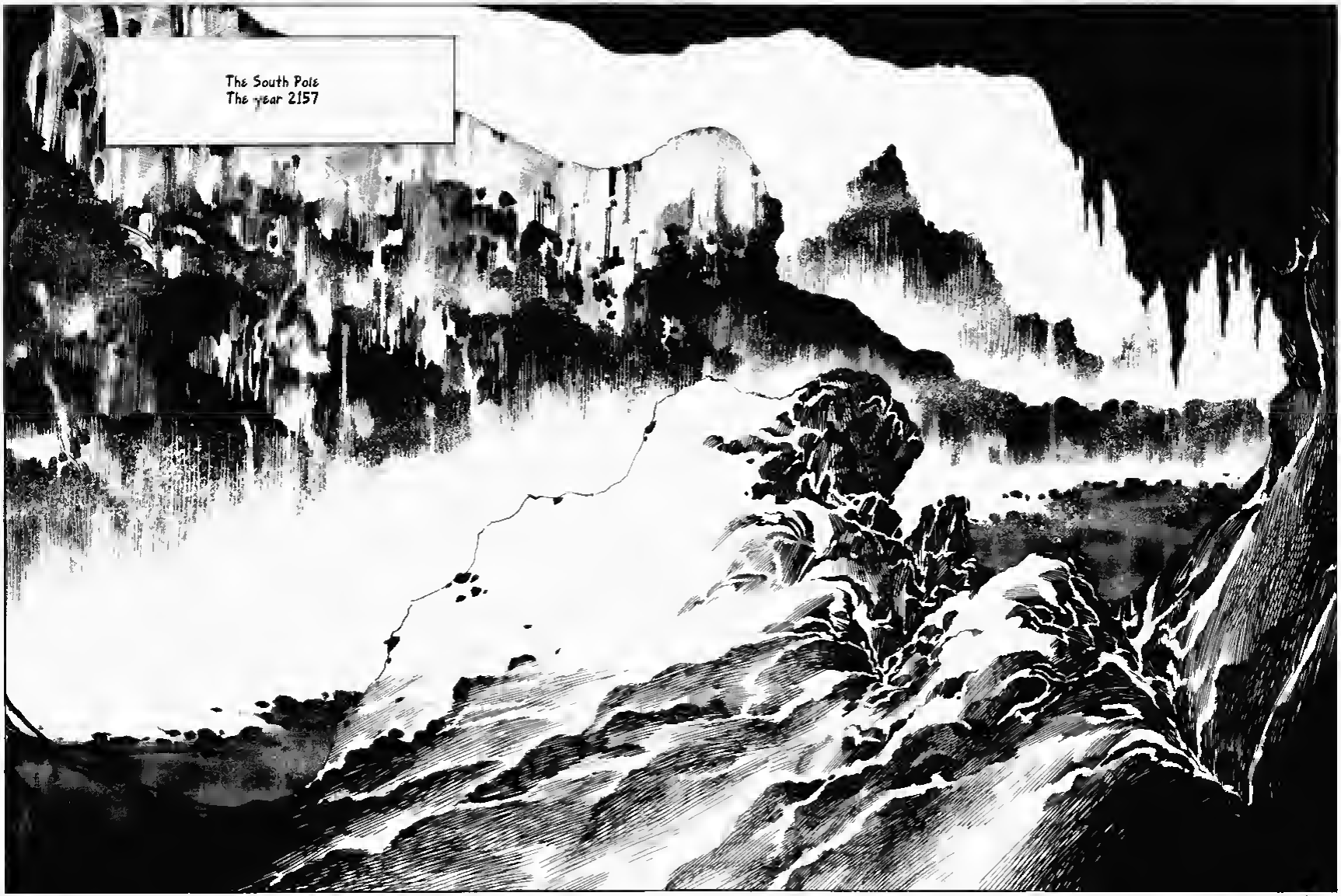
However, Mu possessed a secret weapon. At dawn of the eighth day the first intercontinental nuclear missile headed for Atlantis.



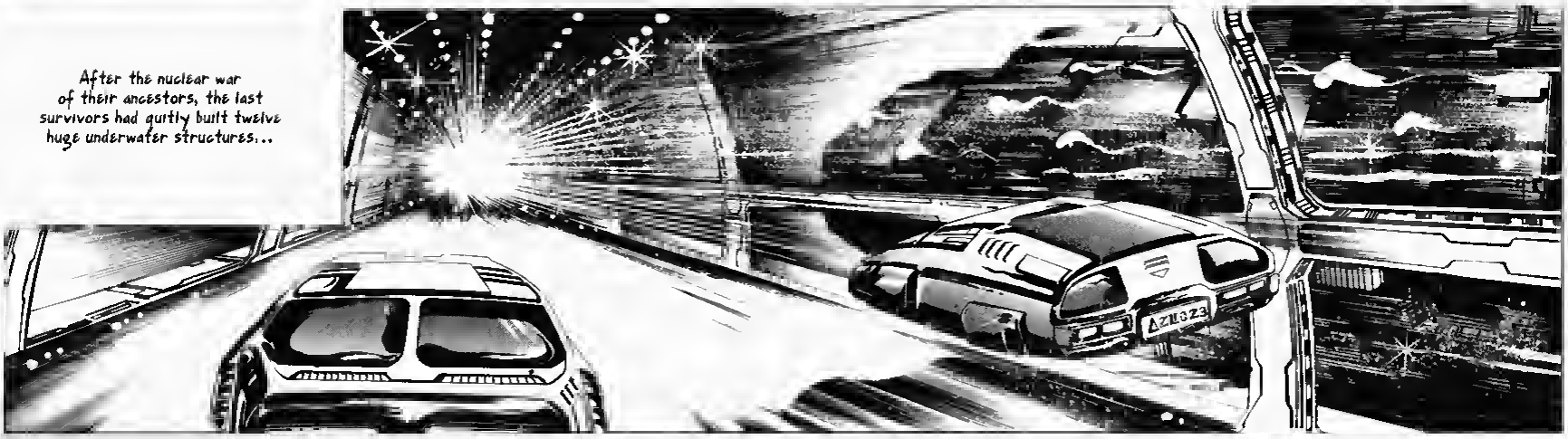

A nuclear war! Around a thousand nuclear bombs annihilated the two continents completely. Much of the land on Earth was swept away, and the sky became dark with radioactive fall-out.
Both continents were consumed by the sea and vanished without leaving a trace, and from this destruction arose a new Earth.


Delta 8988 had learned a valuable lesson, that every superior species that evolves at a fast rate also requires control.
Earth had been completely destroyed.
Only a part of the people of Mu had miraculously escaped the downfall of their continent. They managed to survive by building an underwater city at the South Pole where they were safe from the radioactivity.

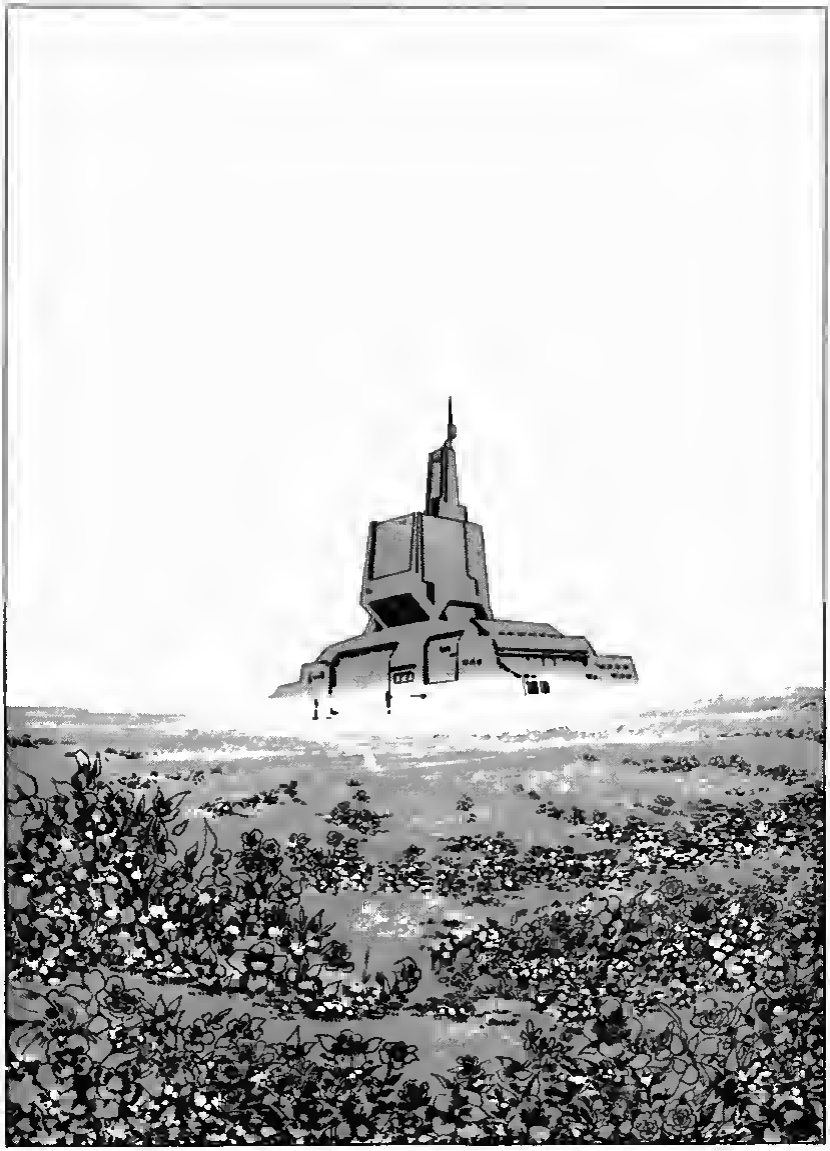
Delta 8988 imposed a strict regime. Every survivor was given a number and was taught to blindly believe in the control system and the hierarchy.
The system was so absolute that a thousand people might act as if they had the same brain.
That is how the secretive organisation called Elca came to be.

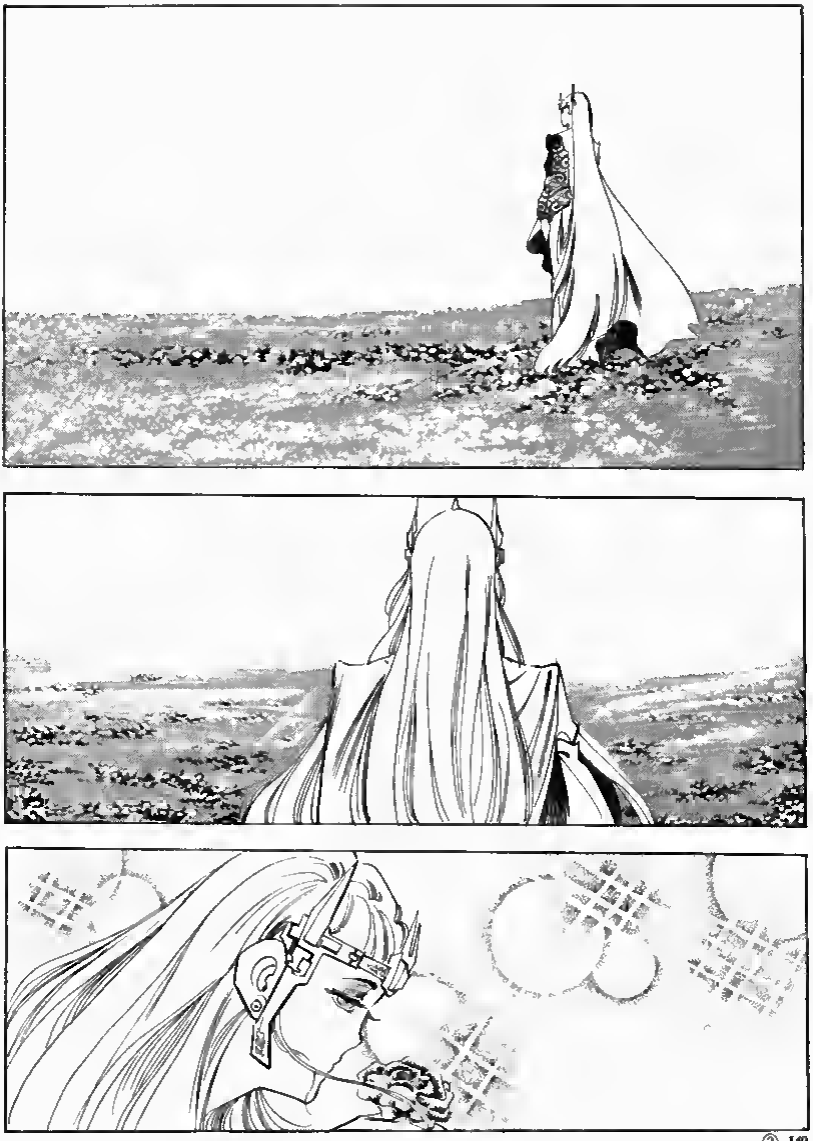

The South Pole
The year 2157

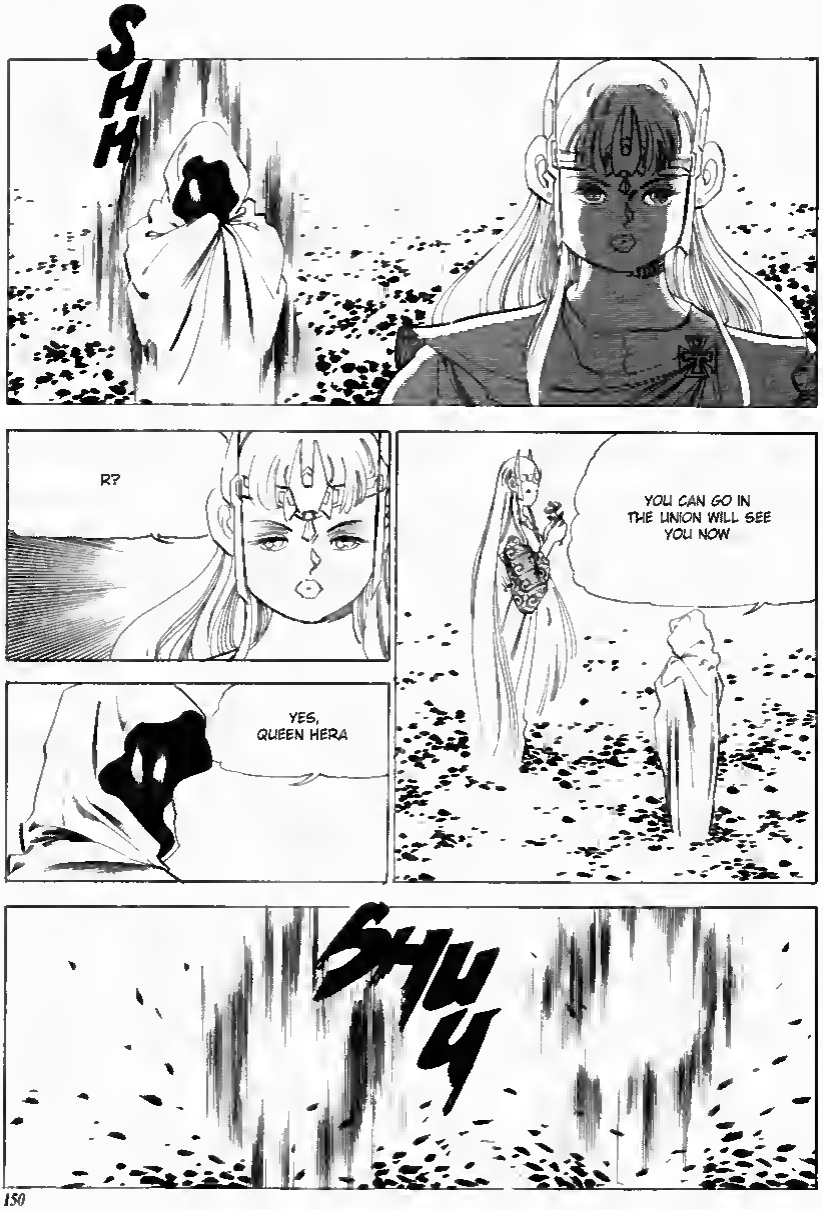
At a depth of 1,053 meters, in the dark, ice-cold ocean...

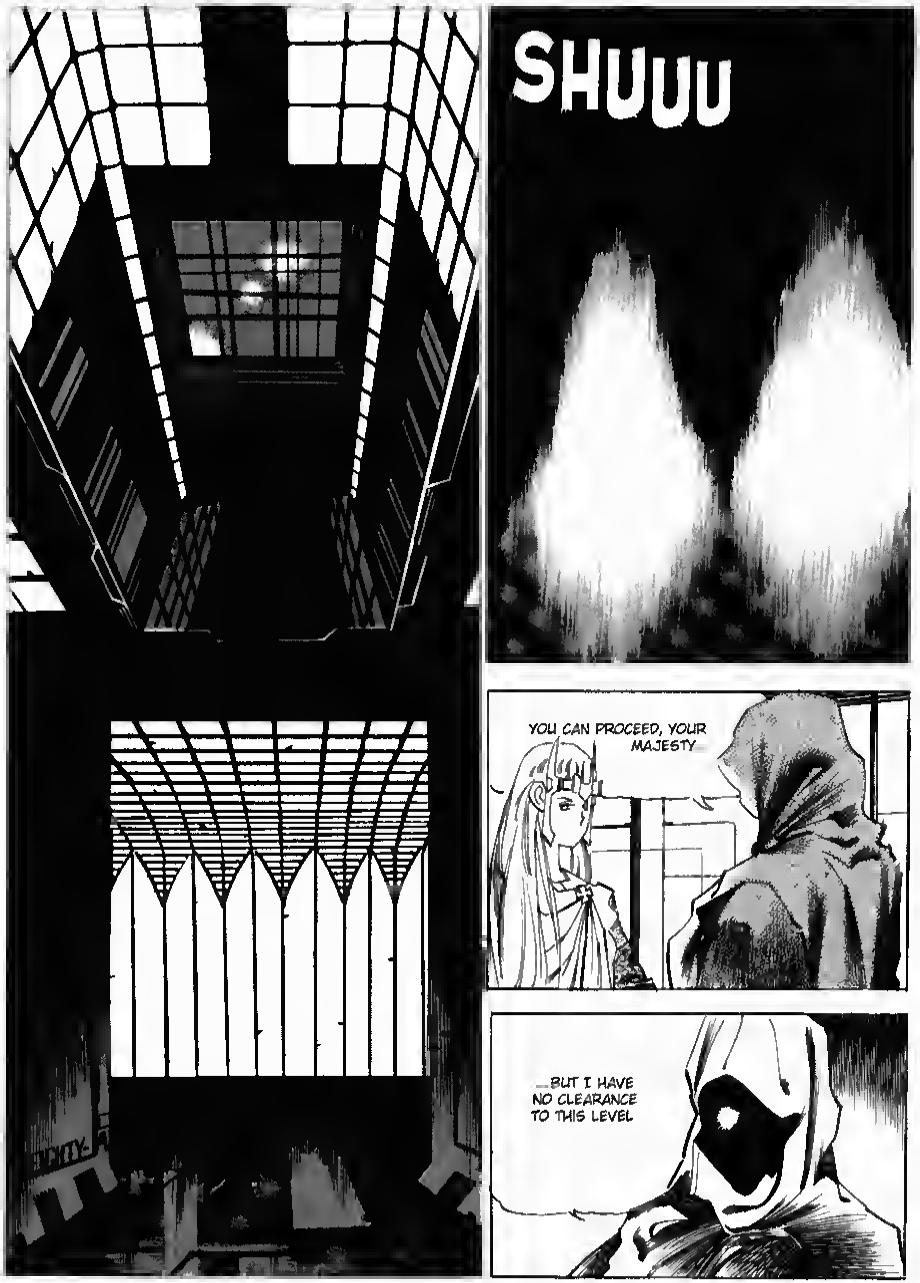

After the nuclear war of their ancestors, the last survivors had quitly built twelve huge underwater structures...

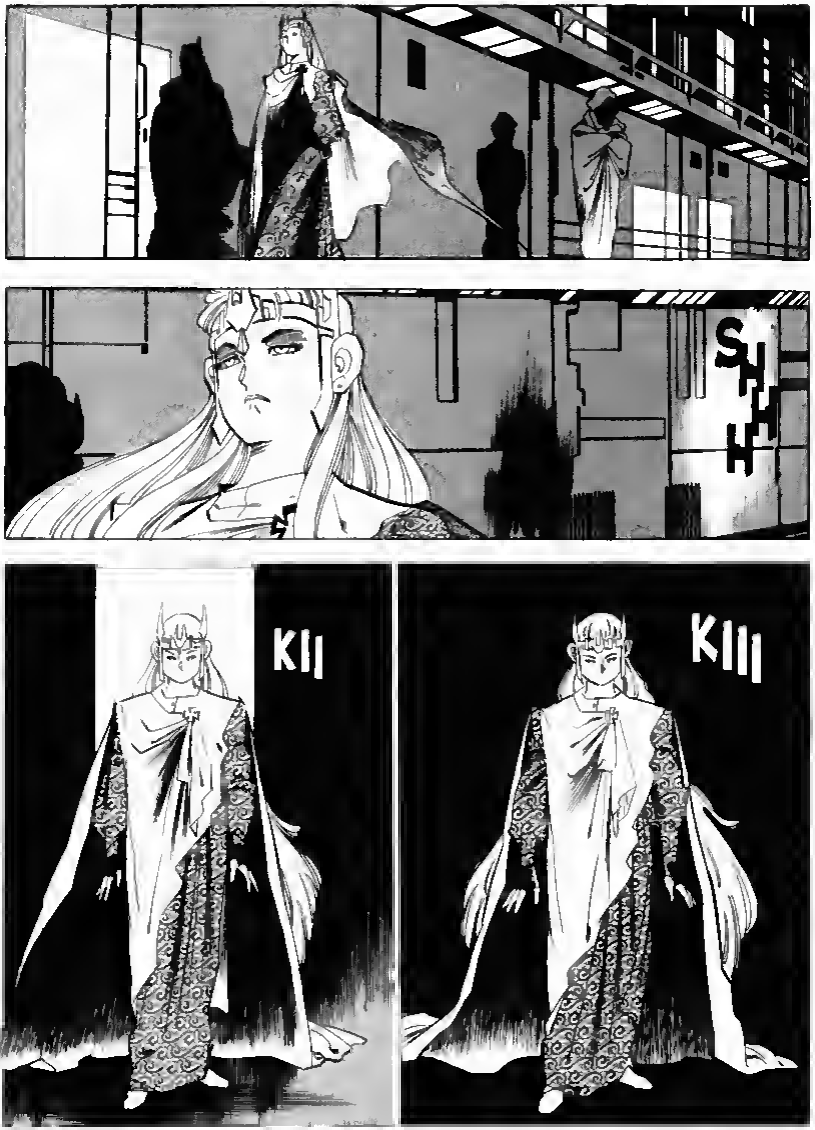
CHAPTER 8
HERA, QUEEN OF ELCA



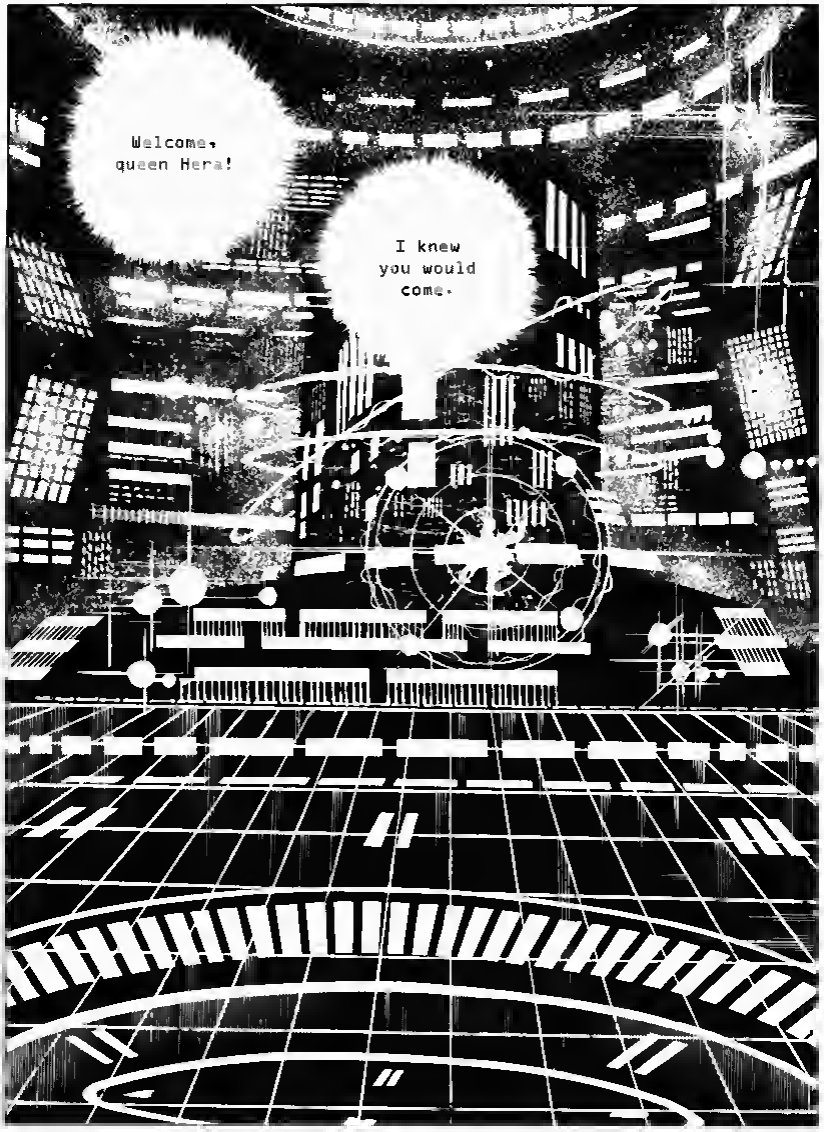


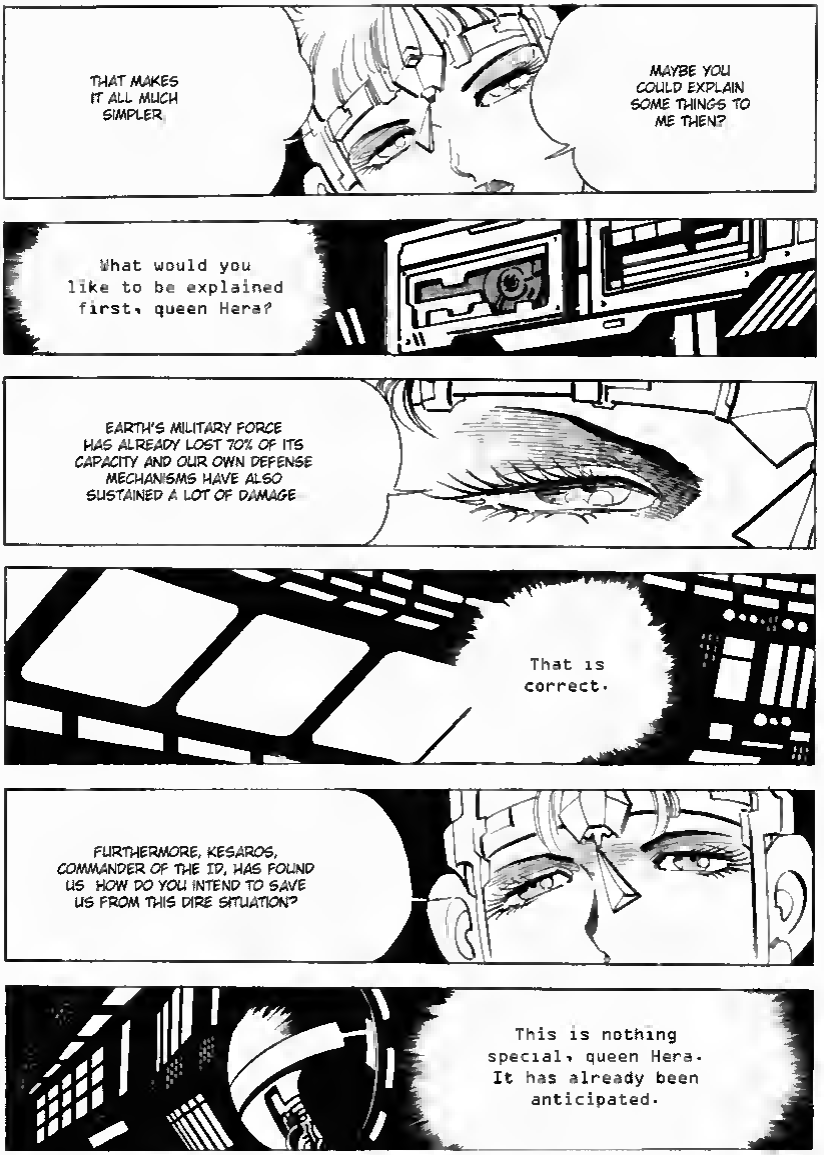

SHH
R?
YOU CAN GO IN THE UNION WILL SEE YOU NOW
YES, QUEEN HERA
SHUU


SHUUU
YOU CAN PROCEED, YOUR MAJESTY
...BUT I HAVE NO CLEARANCE TO THIS LEVEL


SHH
KII
KIII

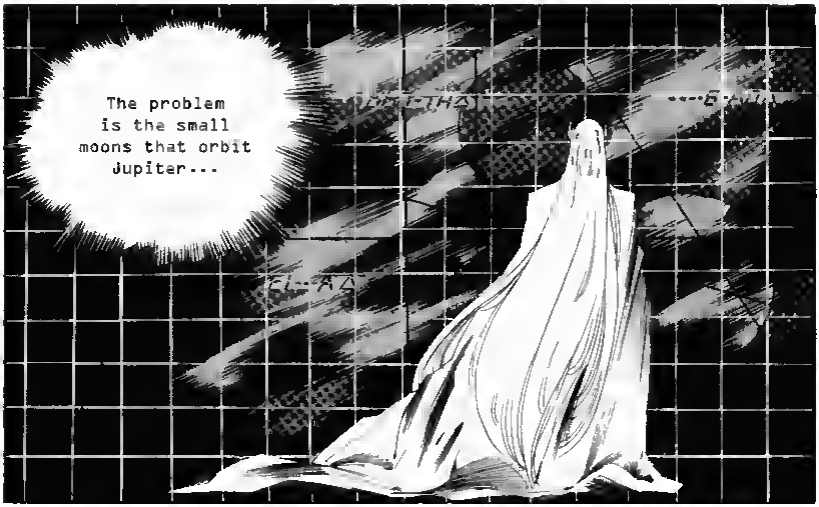
UNION! I NEED TO SPEAK TO YOU URGENTLY!

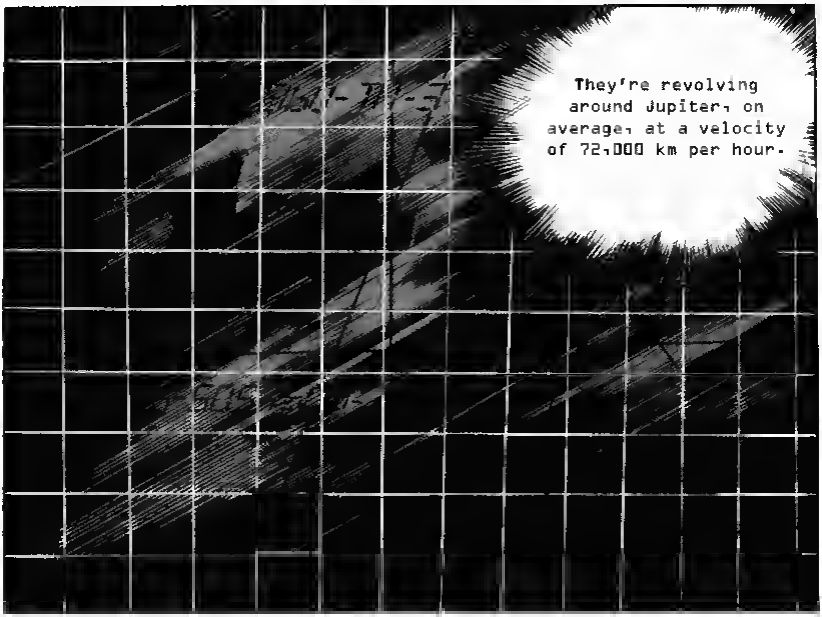

Welcome, queen Hera!
I knew you would come.

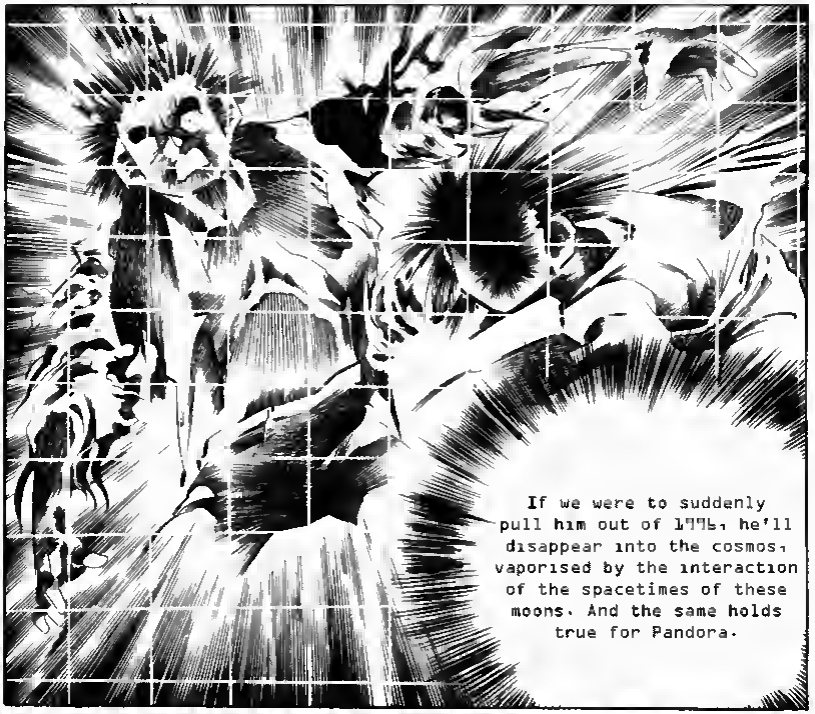

THAT MAKES IT ALL MUCH SIMPLER
MAYBE YOU COULD EXPLAIN SOME THINGS TO ME THEN?
What would you like to be explained first, queen Hera?
EARTH'S MILITARY FORCE HAS ALREADY LOST 70% OF ITS CAPACITY AND OUR OWN DEFENSE MECHANISMS HAVE ALSO SUSTAINED A LOT OF DAMAGE
That is correct.
FURTHERMORE, KESAROS, COMMANDER OF THE ID, HAS FOUND US HOW DO YOU INTEND TO SAVE US FROM THIS DIRE SITUATION?
This is nothing special, queen Hera. It has already been anticipated.

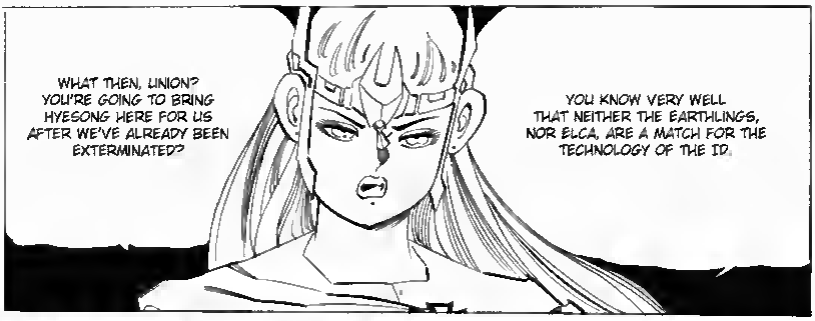
THEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DON'T BRING HYESONG, WHO'S LIVING IN 1996, HERE!
I wish I could, queen Hera, but please look at the right screen.
As you know, time warps do not stay open forever.

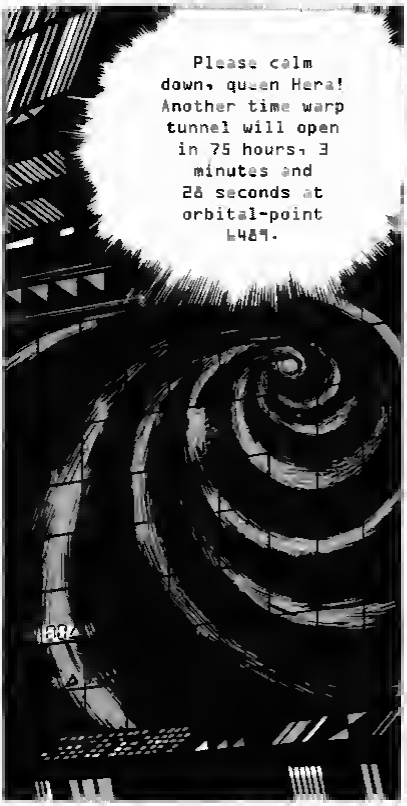
To bring him from 1996 to 2157, Hyesong would have to transverse at least twelve dimensional spaces and 32 planetary space-times.
Not such a simple thing, queen Hera.
AND WHAT IF...
...PANDORA, OUR SPECIAL EMISSARY, RETRIEVES HYESONG FOR US?


The problem is the small moons that orbit Jupiter...


They're revolving around Jupiter, on average, at a velocity of 72,000 km per hour.

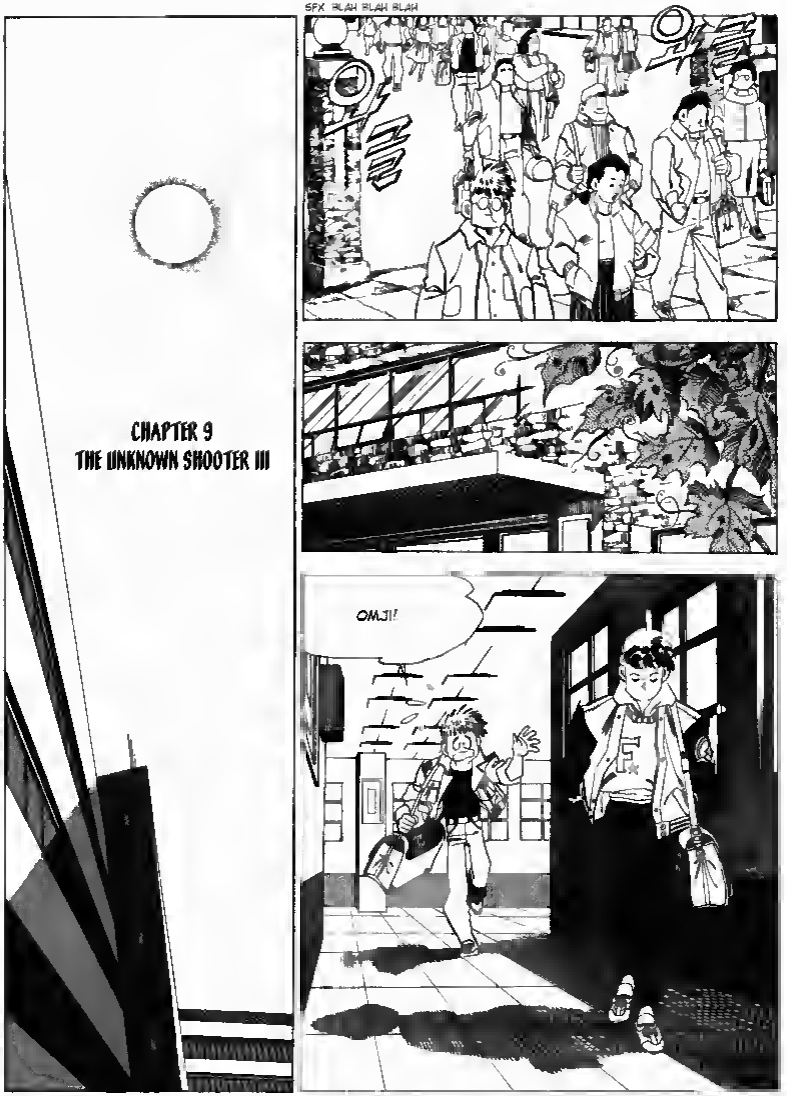

If we were to suddenly pull him out of 1995, he'll disappear into the cosmos, vaporised by the interaction of the spacetimes of these moons. And the same holds true for Pandora.


WHAT THEN, UNION? YOU'RE GOING TO BRING HYESONG HERE FOR US AFTER WE'VE ALREADY BEEN EXTERMINATED?
YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT NEITHER THE EARTHLINGS, NOR ELCA, ARE A MATCH FOR THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE ID.


Please calm down, queen Hera! Another time warp tunnel will open in 75 hours, 3 minutes and 28 seconds at orbital-point 6489.

I'm merely postponing our tactical move.

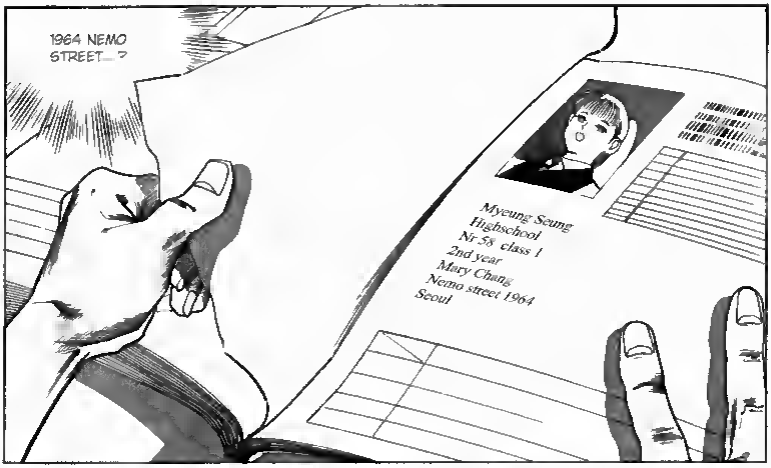
75 HOURS?
WILL WE HOLD ON FOR THAT LONG?
CAN WE PUT UP A FIGHT...
...TILL THAT MOMENT?

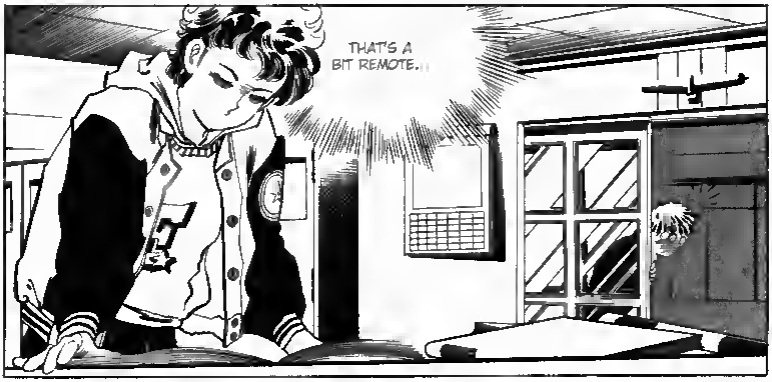

SFX: BLAH BLAH BLAH
CHAPTER 9
THE UNKNOWN SHOOTER III
OMJI!

OMJI!
INFORM
ARE YOU STILL MAD ABOUT YESTERDAY?
IT'S JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING!
MARY ONLY CAME BY BECAUSE I GOT HURT!
JUST... AT THE WRONG TIME!
LEAVE ME ALONE. FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF
BUT...
BZZZ.

TEACHERS OFFICES
HERE!
BUT OMJI, WHY DO YOU WANT TO CHECK THE STUDENT RECORDS?
THANKS MA'AM!
UHH... WELL, I... I JUST HAVE TO LOOK SOMETHING UP...
MMM...

DO PUT IT BACK WHEN YOU'RE DONE, OKAY?
STUDENTS AREN'T ACTUALLY ALLOWED TO SEE THOSE. BUT I TRUST YOU
THANKS, MA'AM!
PAEKTUSAN! THAT IDIOT! CLAIMING HE DIDN'T BEAT HIM UP!
SFX RRRR
NUMBER 58, MARY!
AH, THERE...
REGARDLESS, THAT MARY IS THE CAUSE OF EVERYTHING...
BUT HYESONG DOESN'T SEEM TO GET THAT!


1964 NEMO STREET...?
Myeung Seung Highschool
Nr 58 class 1
2nd year
Mary Chang
Nemo street 1964
Seoul


THAT'S A BIT REMOTE...

AH! THE STUDENT RECORDS...?

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T
PIZZA
WHERE'S SHE GOING OFF TO SO HASTILY?
SHOULD I GO AFTER HER?
HEY... THAT BUS ISN'T GOING TO HER PLACE!
OK! I'M FOLLOWING HER. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO PROTECT OMJI!
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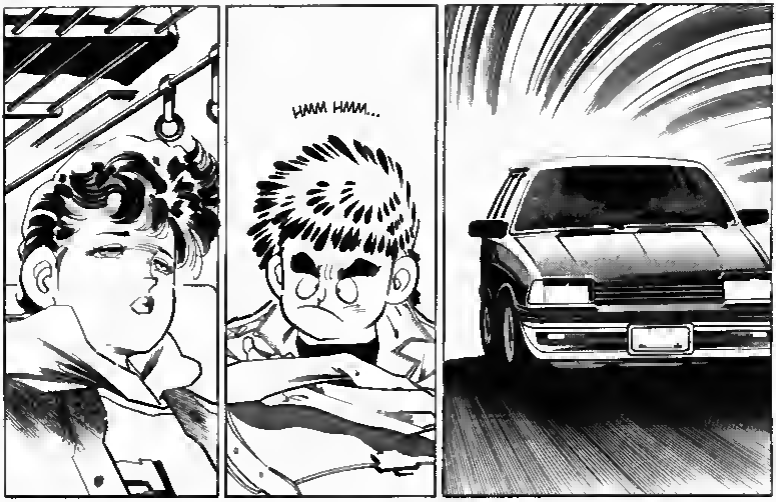
TAXI!
TAXI!

SLAM
COULD YOU FOLLOW THAT BUS?
CLICK


HMM HMM...

KG here. KG here.
Come in, K4!
K4, if you hear me, please respond.
K4 HERE, WE'RE QUIETLY FOLLOWING OUR TARGET.
K4, what is your position?
WE'VE JUST PASSED POINT G10321!
CURRENTLY HEADING SOUTH/SOUTHWEST.
Status update?

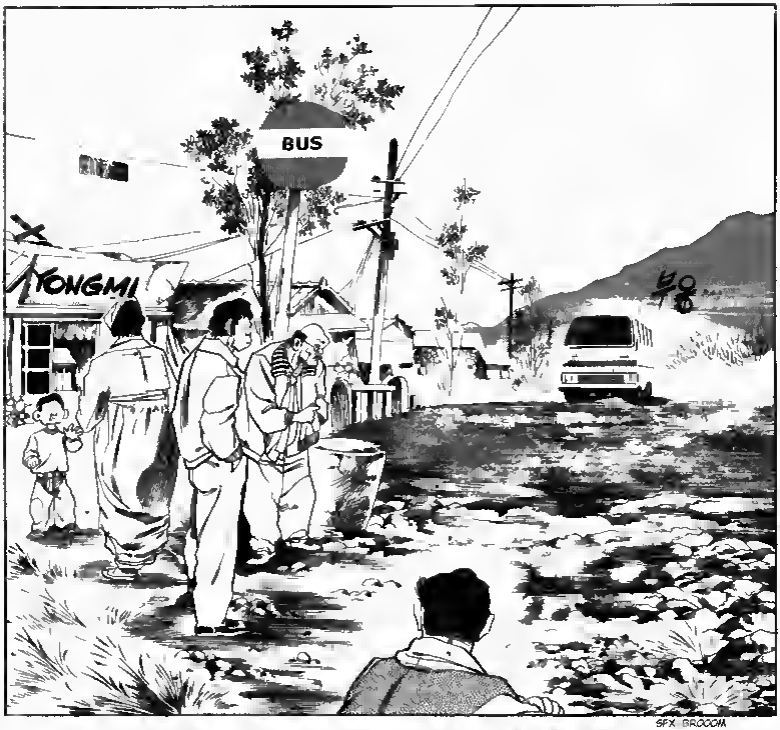
THE IDENTITY OF THE WOMAN BEING FOLLOWED BY OUR TARGET IS UNKNOWN

Could it be an agent of Elca?

IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY AT THIS MOMENT WE'RE AWAITING YOUR ORDERS!

...
K4, avoid engaging until her identity is confirmed

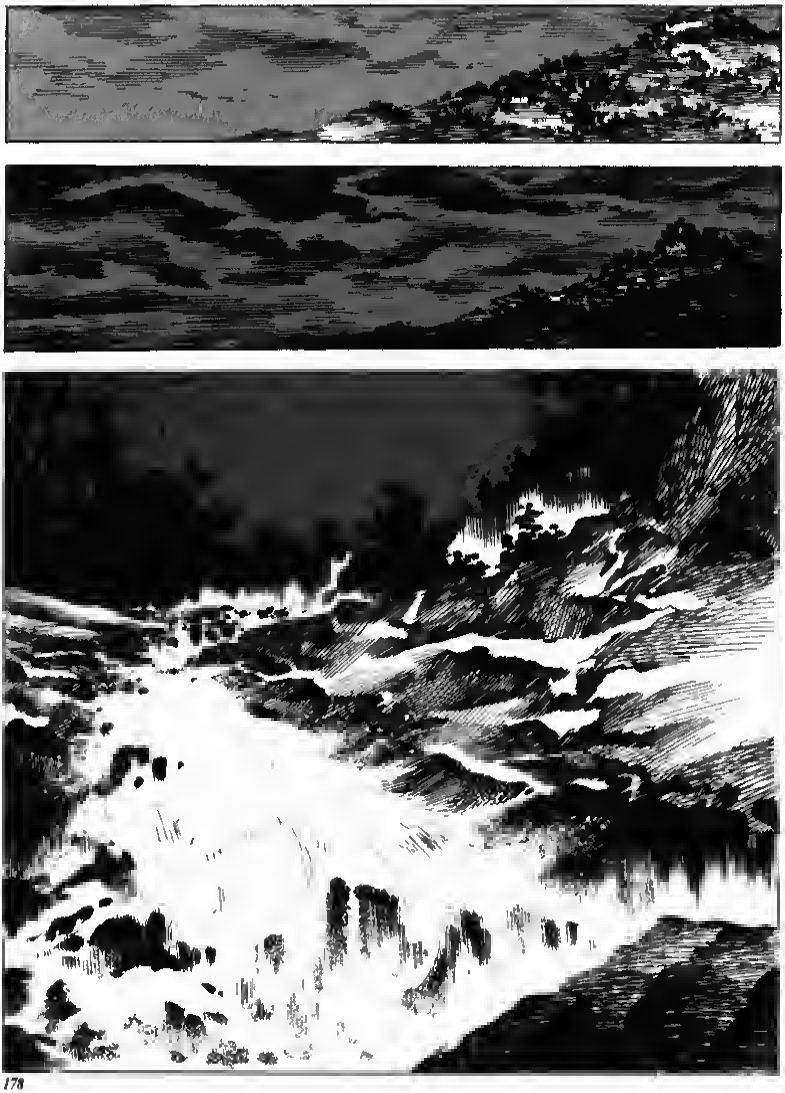
I repeat! Do not execute the original plan. Just follow them!
UNDERSTOOD! I'LL LEAVE MY RECEIVER OPEN.
SFX: CLACK


BUS
SFX: BROOOM

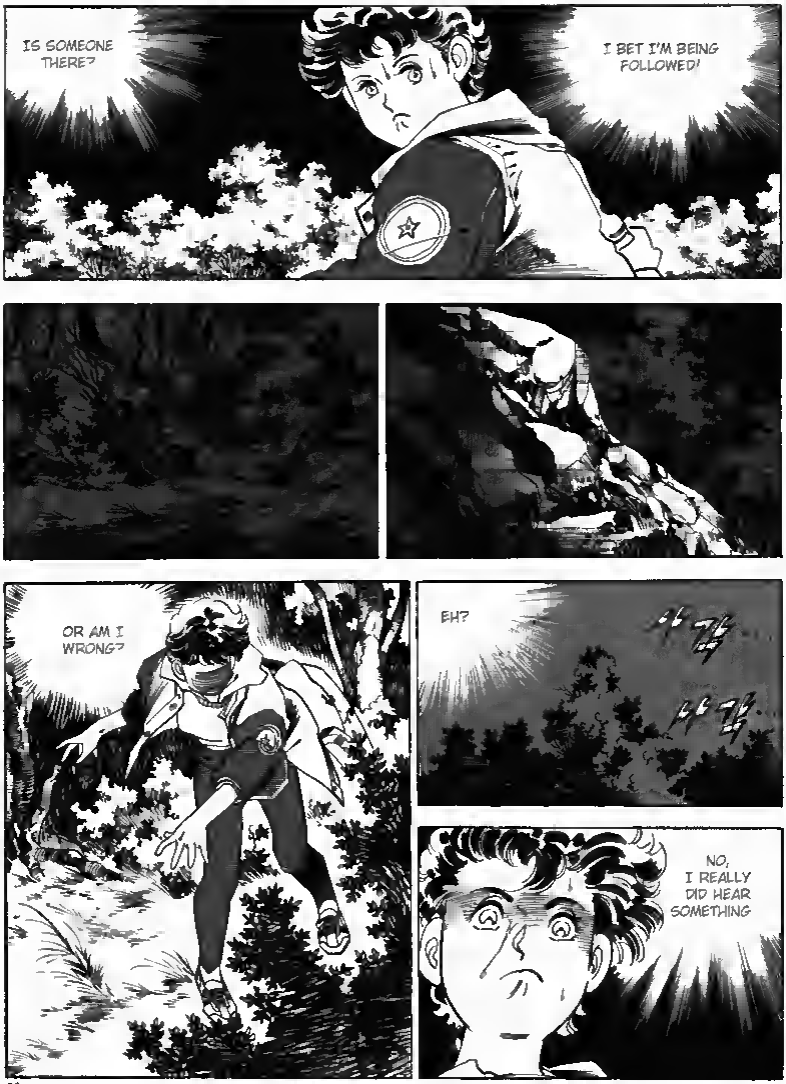
BUS
SFX: KIIIH

BROOOM
MAKE
235-2254

NUMBER 1964?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO THERE?
I'M VISITING A FRIEND!
A FRIEND? ARE YOU SURE, YOUNG LADY?
NUMBER 1964 IS OVER THERE, BEHIND THAT HILL...



IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
WHY CAN'T I SEE A THING?
SNAP!

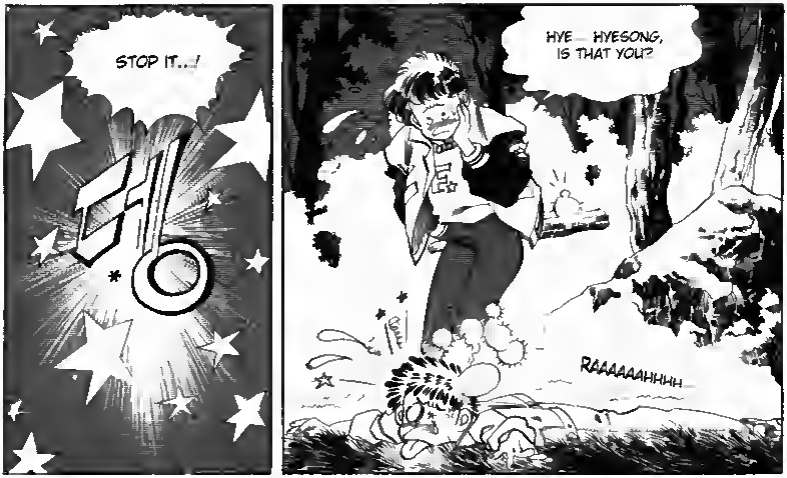

IS SOMEONE THERE?
I BET I'M BEING FOLLOWED!
OR AM I WRONG?
EH?
NO, I REALLY DID HEAR SOMETHING

LET'S SEE!
A DARK AND DESOLATE PLACE!
I'M NOT PARTICULARLY UGLY...
AND I'M BEING FOLLOWED...
CRACK CRACK

CHAPTER 10
THE HAUNTED HOUSE

CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN! IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS YOU NEED TO KEEP YOUR COOL...
LET ME FIRST FIND SOMETHING
...I CAN DEFEND MYSELF...
...WITH WHICH
AH, THERE!

AHH...
NO!



SFX SMACK

OMJI! CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SFX: HUMM HUMMM
WHAT IS IT?
WHY ARE YOU VISITING MARY THIS LATE?
IS IT BECAUSE MARY AND I SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER? ARE YOU A BIT JEALOUS PERHAPS?
YOU'RE FULL OF CRAP!

I DO WHAT I WANT, AND IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
HEY, OMJI! — I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D GET SO UPSET!
OH! LOOK OVER THERE!
A HOUSE!

A WINDOW'S LIT!
AND WHERE THERE'S LIGHT... THERE'S PEOPLE!
ANYBODY HERE?
NOBODY...

THE DOOR OPENED ON ITS OWN